

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
City of Bellflower
&
Via Conference Call in Sacramento
March 22, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the City Hall, Green Room, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 and via conference call at the California Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Conference Room 1306, Sacramento, CA 95814. The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dan Arrighi, Vice Chair
Ms. Margaret Clark
Ms. Barbara Carrera
Mr. Gordon Shanks
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Mr. Denis Bertone
Mr. Troy Edgar
Mr. Edward Wilson

Mr. Gary Hildebrand (for Ms. Farber)
Mr. Bryan Cash (for Sec. Chrisman)
Ms. Teresa Villegas (for Sup. Gloria Molina)
Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Stetson)
Ms. Marilyn Thoms (for Mr. Speagle)
Ms. Jody Noiron (for Mr. Weingardt)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Frank Colonna, Chair
Mr. John Donnelly
Mr. Michael Genest

Mr. Daniel Sulzer (for Col. Magness)
Mr. Ron Schafer (for Ms. Coleman)

STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Board Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Odling, Friends of the Whittier Narrows Natural Areas, spoke in defense of the Whittier Narrows Natural Area in relation to Items 12 and 14. He presented the Board with their website address with regard to the lawsuit.

Ms. Villegas arrived at approximately 3:11pm

Items 12, 13, and 14 were moved ahead on the agenda and were heard prior to the other items.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Clark voiced concerns regarding her comments that were made in regard to the EDAW presentation and the planting of drought tolerant plants. A directive was given to include those comments in the Board minutes.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Ms. Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Fujimoto gave a summary of the pending lawsuit brought forth by the Friends of the Whittier Narrows Natural Areas against the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority. He reported that the counsel for the plaintiff would be seeking to have the RMC dismissed from the lawsuit.

7. PRESENTATION BY EL DORADO NATURE CENTER RENEWAL PROJECT

Ms. Sharon Gates, City of Long Beach, gave a detailed presentation which included pictures that depicted the progression of the work on the project from beginning to end, which included detailed descriptions of specific areas.

Jody Noiron arrived approximately 3:24pm.

8. BUDGET STATUS REPORT

No report was given at this time; however, it was noted that a report would be presented at the next Board meeting.

9. PROJECT AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES

The Executive Officer announced that there have been several staffing changes which included the appointment of Valorie Shatynski as the RMC's Deputy Executive Officer and Jane Beesley's appointment as the Deputy Executive Officer for the WCA. It was noted that there is now a vacant Conservancy Project Development Analyst II position.

The Executive Officer informed the Board that the legislative report would no longer be included in the Board report due to the lack of staffing resources. A brief update on Assembly Bill 1818 was given, and there was a brief discussion regarding a water bond for the November ballot and possible allocation of funds for the RMC. Mr. Wilson expressed concerns regarding the legislative report not being included in the Board report.

10. REVIEW OF APPROVED GRANT PROJECTS

The Executive Officer gave an overview of the report.

11. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF STATE BOND SALES AND IMPACTS ON FUTURE PROJECT FUNDING.

The Executive Officer referred Board members to the staff report and pointed out that staff is hoping to secure a portion of the recent bond sale proceedings, and that staff should know by the end of the month how those funds will be distributed amongst various agencies. Mr. Cash informed the Board that of the \$2.5 billion generated from the previous bond sale, that \$769 million is for existing projects for the Resources Agency and that \$391 million would be available for new projects to be distributed amongst various agencies. The Executive Officer gave a brief overview of the process of allocating the funds.

12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT (RMC3477).

The Executive Officer explained that the purpose for the recommendation was to increase the special exemption to 39 percent of the total grant; extending the timeline and revision of the budget categories. An overview and update of the project was given which included the scope of work, and the challenge to the CEQA filing and defense of that action. It was noted that there has been significant support from the two water agency joint powers authority members, the First District of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. There was a brief discussion regarding funding for the lawsuit.

Mr. Edgar moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Villegas seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RMC3573).

The Executive Officer reported that the grant was primarily being extended due to the state bond freeze. It was noted that the City of Seal Beach had anticipated receiving another \$850,000 from another funding sources; however, they were not successful in receiving the grant so the project budget had to be revised to include the reduction in the scope of the budget. The budget detail was included in the staff report, and there was discussion regarding the bidding process.

Mr. Shanks moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

14. CLOSED SESSION: THE CONSERVANCY MAY HOLD A CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 11126.3(A), AND SECTION 11126 SUBDIVISION (E) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDA RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED DURING SUCH CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PENDING AND/OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION: *FRIENDS OF WHITTIER NARROWS NATURAL AREA V. SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY*, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. BS 125058, AND RELATED ACTIONS.

There were no closed session proceedings.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Arrighi congratulated Ms. Shatynshi and Ms. Beesley on their appointments.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on May 24, 2010, at El Encanto. The meeting time is to be determined.

17. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Chair Colonna adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:51pm.

DATE: May 24, 2010
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8: Executive Officer's Report- Legislation and Initiatives

For full text and history of bills and initiatives, please visit these web sites:

Federal Bills	http://thomas.loc.gov
State Bills	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov
Initiative Measures	http://www.caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/activeindex.htm

Current as of May 24, 2010.

Federal Bills

1. **S.2921** – Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) California Desert Protection Act of 2010 Introduced 12/21/2009 Summary: A bill to provide for the conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate certain offices to serve as Renewable Energy Coordination Offices for coordination of Federal permits for renewable energy projects and transmission lines to integrate renewable energy development, and for other purposes.

Status: 5/20/2010 in Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

2. **S.720** – Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO) Federal Land REPAIR Act introduced 3/26/2009 Summary: A bill to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Status: 3/26/2009 in Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

State Legislation

Land & Wildlife Protection

AB1805 – Calderon/Nestande & SB 1010 Correa/Cogdill: CEQA Exemptions - An act to add and repeal Section 21099 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the projects from legal review under CEQA. The bill would enact the CEQA Litigation Protection Pilot Program of 2010 and would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to select projects that meet specified requirements from specified regions for each calendar year between 2010 and 2014. The bill would exempt from judicial review, pursuant to CEQA, a lead agency's decision to certify the EIR of, or to adopt a mitigated negative declaration based on an initial study for, the selected projects, a lead agency's and responsible agency's approval of the selected project, and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency's selection of the projects. The bill would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, by December 31 of each year, to submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature summarizing the designation of

projects, and the job creation and investment attributable to the designated projects. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. Last Historic Action: 04/19/2010 In committee: Hearing for testimony only. Committee Location, Assembly Natural Resources.

AB1818 – Blumenfeld: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

The bill would establish the Upper Los Angeles River and Watershed Protection Program Account within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund, administered by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to address the resource protection, public recreation, water conservation, and water quality goals of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed in a coordinated, comprehensive, and effective way. Establishes a Stakeholder Advisory Committee, comprised of a specified membership, with certain duties regarding proposing and reviewing projects for funding. The conservancy would be authorized to adopt grant approval criteria, which would not be regulations subject to the rule-making provisions of the Administration Procedure Act. The bill would specify the funds that may be transferred into that account. Existing law specifies the membership of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as consisting of 9 voting members and 3 ex officio members. This bill would additionally add to the membership of the conservancy, the chairperson of the Upper Los Angeles River and Watershed Protection Program Stakeholder Advisory Committee, except the bill would authorize that person to vote only upon a project within the Upper LA River Watershed.

Last Historic Action: 05/05/2010 In committee: Set, second hearing. Referred to Appropriations suspense file. Committee Location, Assembly Appropriations

AB 2554- Brownley: Los Angeles County Flood Control District: fees and charges

This bill would authorize the district to impose a fee or charge in the unincorporated areas of the county, in compliance with Article XIID of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of the district, and to carry out the objects or purposes of the act. The bill would require that any fees imposed be levied and collected together with taxes for county purposes, and the revenues paid into the county treasury to the credit of the district. The act authorizes the board of the district, subject to certain limitations, to do all acts or things necessary or useful for the promotion of the work or the control of the flood and storm waters of the district, to conserve those waters for beneficial and useful purposes, and to protect from damage from storm or flood waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways, and property of the district. One limitation upon the authority of the board of the district is that it is not authorized to raise money for the district by any method or system other than by issuing bonds, or the levying of a tax upon the assessed value of all the real property of the district, except from the sale and lease of its property. This bill would instead provide that the board of the district is not authorized to raise money for the district by any method or system other than by issuing bonds, the levying of a tax, or the imposition of a fee or charge in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Last Historic Action: 05/17/2010 To third reading. Committee location: Assembly Local Government.

AB 2465 – Yamada: Vector Control

This bill would require any state agency, when acquiring land to follow best practices for mosquito control. Last Historic Action: 04/21/2010 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to Appropriations suspense file.

Committee Location: Assembly Appropriations.

Climate Change

AJR 26- Chesbro: Climate Change Adaptation Resolution

Requests the U.S. Congress to establish a comprehensive framework for adapting our wildlife, habitats, coasts, watersheds, rivers, and other natural resources and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change. Last Historic Action: 02/11/2010 Re-referred to Committees. on Natural Resources & Water and Environmental Quality Committee Location: Senate Natural Resources & Water

Initiative Measures

The California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010

Grants free day use access to state parks for all Californians by increasing the vehicle license fee by \$18. The ballot measure calls for the creation of a trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of funding state parks and conserving wildlife in California, thereby creating a consistent revenue stream that the park system has desperately needed for the past few decades. The fund would be fed by an annual \$18 State Park Access Pass fee on all California vehicles (including motorcycles and RVs) which, in turn, would make admission to the parks for all California vehicles free of charge year-round. Out-of-state vehicles would still have to pay the park fees, which are now \$10-15/day at most parks. The committee, which is called the Californians for State Parks and Wildlife Conservation and is made up of the California State Parks Foundation, Signature have been submitted for this measure and a determination on whether it qualifies for the ballot should be determined by the end of this month.

DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9: Executive Officer's Report- Capital Outlay & Support

BACKGROUND: This report includes information on both the RMC capital outlay and support budgets and expenditures.

Capital Outlay

The Capital Outlay report contains information on the total capital outlay funds appropriated, encumbered and remaining balance from Propositions 40, 50 84 and 13. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated fund level, please see refer to Item 10 on the agenda, Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary.

Bond	Allocation	Encumbered to Date	Balance
Prop 40	\$36,000,000	\$34,172,576	\$1,827,424
Prop 50	\$18,000,000	\$12,316,986	\$5,683,014
Prop 84	\$40,000,000	\$20,222,058	\$19,977,942
Prop 13	\$460,000	0	\$460,000

Report on Advance Funds – See attached Exhibit A - This is a new report which will be presented to the Board on a regular basis, as recommended in a recent audit.

Support & Operations

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Support Expenditures Report: The attached Exhibit B "Fiscal Year Support Expenditures" report assists the RMC in tracking allocated income and expenditures for the fiscal year. The revenue section of the report delineates the four fund sources for operations, the Environmental License Plate Fund, Proposition 40, 50 and 84.

The expense section displays and tracks the administrative and operation expenses for the RMC. This section is separated into two (2) sections: Personnel Services and Operating Expenses/Equipment. The information is further detailed to track monthly and cumulative expenditures, encumbrances and the balances.

Due to the state fiscal situation all departments were directed to reduce expenditures as much as possible and therefore it is expected that there will a carryover balance in the bond funds that will be available for appropriation in subsequent years. The cumulative contract report for the support budget is attached as Exhibit C. This report includes contracts executed under the Executive Officer's Discretionary Approval for under \$10,000.00 and those over \$10,000.00 that have been approved by the RMC Board.

EXHIBIT A
RMC ADVANCE FUNDS REPORT

Report Date: May 24, 2010

RMC Project Number	Project Name	Grantee	Total Funds Granted from RMC	Advance Amt. Outstanding	Status	Return Advance Amount
3243	Duck Farm Planning	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$480,000.00	\$661.75	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3248	Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$500,000.00	\$1,982.11	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3260	Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$1,669,663.00	\$2,169.22	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3477	San Gabriel River Discovery Center	San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority	\$286,756.88	\$167,000.00	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3562	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$100,000.00	\$7.00	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3565	Development of Procedures for Project Funding Criteria	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$90,000.00	\$1,133.54	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3596	Azusa River Wilderness Park Planning and Implementation - Prop 40	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$1,321,000.00	\$45,416.22	This advance was requested to fund the replacement of the Water Filtration System on site. This system will not be replaced due to County health requirement. Return advance plus interest accrued.	\$45,416.22
3609	Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$1,798,389.00	\$33,514.19	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3615	Canyon Inn/International Theological Seminary property	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$1,500,000.00	\$31,670.16	The funds requested were to be used to fund the survey of the property, the survey work is nearly complete under budget. The WCA will apply \$22,000.16 to grant expenditures within 30 days. Return remaining advance plus interest accrued.	\$25,000.00
3618	Emerald Necklace San Jose Creek Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$50,000.00	\$7,984.39	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
3619	Whittier Narrows Dam Rec Area Development Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$300,000.00	\$98,754.48	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00
09102	WCA Capital Project Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$336,222.00	\$28,836.58	Will be applied to grant expenditures within 30 days including interest.	\$0.00

EXHIBIT B
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
Support Budget FY 09/10

Date of Report

24-May-10

REVENUE				
ITEM	BUDGET	FUND #	% Exp.	Balance
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	373,000	01400		
PROPOSITION 40	180,000	60290		
PROPOSITION 50	156,000	60310		
PROPOSITION 84	545,000	60510		
TOTAL REVENUE	1,254,000			

EXPENSES				
ITEM	BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	Enc.	AVAILABLE BALANCE
PERSONNEL SERVICES	537,500	355,006.35		182,494

Operating Expenses and Equipment

General Expense

206	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	18,000	2,245	15,755
207	Freight and Drayage	300	0	300
213	Clerical and nonprofessional services	5,000	0	5,000
215	Advertising	1,000	0	1,000
217	Meetings, conferences, and exhibits	1,000	0	1,000
223	Library purchases	10,000	0	10,000
226	Minor equipment	18,000	4,574	13,426
227	Office equipment rental, maint., & repair	3,000	0	3,000
239	Noc-Serv/Rent-Gen		295	

Printing

243	Photocopy	0	0	0
244	Office copier expense (rental, maint.)	10,000	0	10,000
245	Printed forms and stationary	2,000	104	1,896
246	Office Copier Supplies	4,000	1,601	2,399
248	Printing - Not Otherwise Classified		0	0

Communications

252	Cell phones, PDAs, pagers	10,800	5,001	5,799
253	Central communication	500	0	500
255	Messenger services	500	23	478
257	Telephone	4,500	2,870	1,630
258	Communications -Not Otherwise Classified	5,000	2,880	2,120
259	Maintenance	3,000	103	2,897

Postage

262	Postage, stamps, stamped envelopes, etc.	4,800	0	4,800
263	Postage Meter (rent, repair, refills, supplies)	2,500	1,279	1,221
268	NOC Postage	100	23	78

Travel: In-State

292	Per Diem	4,000	112	3,888
293	State Vehicle - General Services	8,000	2,800	5,200
294	Commercial Air Transportation	3,000	1,227	1,773
295	Other Transportation	300	28	272
296	Private Car	5,000	0	5,000
297	Rental Car	400	0	400
301	Taxi and Shuttle Service	200	0	200
308	Travel - Not Otherwise Classified	500	0	500

Training

ITEM		BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	Enc.	AVAILABLE BALANCE
332	Tuition and Registration Fees	10,000	0		10,000
333	Training Films and Slides	2,000	0		2,000
Facilities Operation					
344	Janitorial Services	17,000	10,430		6,570
345	Security	9,500	1,186		8,314
346	Recurring Maintenance Services	4,500	63		4,438
347	Facility Planning	3,000	2,789		212
348	Waste Removal	12,000	3,555		8,445
352	Special Repairs	300	200		100
358	Noc-Serv	0	0		0
Utilities					
362	Electricity	16,000	8,066	0.50	7,934
365	Propane	15,000	7,792		7,208
367	Water	0	0		0
372	Sewer	0	0		0
378	Utilities - Not Otherwise Classified	10,000	7,502		2,498
Professional Services					
382	Interdepartmental Professional Services	65,000	455		64,545
383	Accounting Interdepartment	24,000	24,000		0
396	Attorney General	10,000	5,525		4,475
398	Other Interdepartmental	1,000	590		410
418	External Professional Services	216,000	68,744		147,256
419	Reimb EXP-non-taxa	500	274		226
434	Interagency Agreement	1,000	421		579
Information Technology					
435	IT - Not Otherwise Classified	40,000	0		40,000
436	Supplies	2,000	229		1,771
445	Software	15,000	11,516		3,484
446	Hardware	10,000	0		10,000
448	Internet Service Provider	9,800	8,074		1,726
449	Electronic Waste and Disposal Fees	2,000	0		2,000
Central Administration Services					
438	Pro Rata	78,000	57,858		20,142
451	Equipment	15,000	0		15,000
522	Law Enforcement Material	2,000	1,855		145
525	Gasoline	0	0		0
535	Towing	500	121		379
OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL		716,500	244,431	1	469,863
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,254,000	599,438	1	652,357

Item 9

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DATE: May 24, 2010
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 10: Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary

The purpose of this report attached as Exhibit A is to provide a monthly update as to the status of each approved project under proposition 40, 50, and 84. The information contained in the report is project name, applicant name, allocated amount, and the project status. The report is also sorted in alphabetical order by project name. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

As shown in this report the RMC has authorized 159 total projects, 120 of which are completed, and the balance of 39 projects active.

Exhibit A

**RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
Cummulative Grant Project Status Summary**

Date of Report

24-May-10

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	FundStatus	Project Description	Project Status	Funding
RMC3264	Alhambra Wash Naturalization	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	Preparation of an initial feasibility assessment for naturalization of Alhambra Wash.	This project resulted in a study of scenarios for Alhambra Wash. The report outlines the feasibility for a native landscape and recreation redesign of this section of the wash to incorporate trails, native landscape and recreation amenities.	\$40,693.17
RMC3257	Aquarium of the Pacific Education Center Expansion	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	This project expanded the footprint of the Long Beach Aquarium to provide greater visual and physical connections to the Pier.	This project is complete. The "Rios de la Vida" ceramic mosaic mural was designed, fabricated and installed on the fountain at the Aquarium entrance. Planning was conducted for the LEED certified education classroom and 2 watershed exhibits.	\$389,593.44
RMC3256	Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Programs	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	This small grant supplemented funding from other organizations for a workshop entitled "Creating a Sustainable Coastal Community for the Long Beach of Tomorrow."	Project is complete and was closed August 2004. Services provided under the scope of work included watershed education materials for elementary school teachers.	\$12,000.00
RMC3268	Arcadia Wash Restoration Feasibility Study	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	Assessment of feasibility for removing approximately 2,400 linear feet of concrete lining in the Arcadia Wash.	The report outlines the feasibility for a native landscape and recreation redesign of this section of the wash to incorporate trails, native landscapes and recreation amenities.	\$152,038.05
RMC3286	Azusa Open Space and Access Plan	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Completed	This grant included portions of the activities associated with the development of an Azusa Canyon River Wilderness Park Master Plan and provided for coordination and administration of other river-related planning activities in the City of Azusa.	The project is complete. The consultant completed work on the strategic plan for the City of Azusa and its open space, and also completed research tasks with the city.	\$82,906.92
RMC3260	Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	The Azusa River Wilderness Park is a project to create a passive park on the north end of the City of Azusa at the beginning of San Gabriel Canyon.	Acquisition of Taylor, El Encanto and the Canyon Inn site are complete, bringing the park to 69 acres. Remaining balance of \$749 was disencumbered, and grant is closed out.	\$1,669,633.00
RMC3252	Bikeway Plan - Gateway Cities	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	Completed	This plan will coordinate, prioritize and comprehensively evaluate the regional bikeway needs in the Gateway Cities area.	Elements of concept design were finally approved by MTA, 4F Federal Rule will not apply to this project. Final billings submitted by Gateway COG. RMC to set up meeting with MTA regarding final design concepts to determine ability to implement.	\$250,000.00
RMC3560	Bluebird Ranch/Ferguson Property	Trust for Public Land	Completed	The Ferguson project is an acquisition project of a total of 259 acres in the City of Glendora.	The Bluebird Ranch Acquisition is complete. The Glendora Conservancy is the land owner and operator with the City holding the Conservation Easement.	\$5,500,000.00

Exhibit A

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	FundStatus	Project Description	Project Status	Funding
RMC3251	Brownfield Study - San Gabriel Valley	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Completed	Brownfields in the San Gabriel Valley COG area were identified for possible open space and economic development opportunities.	A fewer number of sites were found than anticipated, resulting in a reduction in the Scope of Work. The project is complete and only \$80,059.07 was expended, the remaining funds have been disencumbered. The project is complete.	\$250,000.00
RMC3601	Capital Project Management Services	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants and negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget.	\$353,538.00
RMC3211	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Geotechnical Studies) see RMC 3305 & 3306	Signal Hill, City of	Completed	The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum.	The geotechnical studies have been completed. Related projects are: RMC 3305, Appraisal (complete) & RMC 3306, Acquisition (not yet funded)	\$20,000.00
RMC3305	Cha'wot Nature Preserve Appraisal	Signal Hill, City of	Completed	The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space, known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum.	This appraisal was conducted in 2006, and determined the highest and best uses based upon the constraints identified in the geotech study. Related projects: RMC 3211, Geotech study is complete and 3306 acquisition (not yet funded).	\$20,000.00
RMC3217	Children's Native Plant Garden	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Completed	This grant funded planning for a 3/4 acre children's native plant garden for children ages 4-7 at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.	This planning project is complete and includes a detailed plan for trails and interactive interpretive exhibits. A master plan has been completed and further progress on the Children's Garden is based on the phased implementation of the Master Plan.	\$55,000.00
RMC3593	City of Long Beach Project Management Services	Long Beach, City of	Completed	The Long Beach Project Services Management grant with the City of Long Beach Real Estate Division to provide assistance for acquisition projects	Project management assistance included North Slope Signal Hill (RMC 3306), Wrigley Heights (no longer active), and Los Cerritos Wetlands projects (Bryant, Bixby, etc). Project complete, balance disencumbered.	\$100,000.00
RMC3202	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	Claremont, City of	Completed	Acquisition of 240 acres in the Claremont foothills to augment the City of Claremont's Claremont Hills Wilderness Park.	The project has been completed, and the property is now owned by the City of Claremont and is part of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, which now totals 1,589 acres.	\$1,073,000.00
RMC3554	Colorado Lagoon Restoration	Long Beach, City of	Completed	The Colorado Lagoon Restoration project in the City of Long Beach is a restoration of a well utilized lagoon.	The City was successful with its grant application was awarded \$3.8 million. Final EIR recived final certification on September 08. Grant was completed.	\$150,000.00
RMC3599	Compton Creek	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Completed	The grant will provide funding to LASGRWC for implementation of the Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan.	Grant was extended to Nov. 2007 to pay for project costs. Project is completed, final documentation to be submitted. RMC will look at potential projects in Compton for implementation.	\$59,992.55

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RMC3246	Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Master Plan	Compton, City of	Completed	The project is a multi-use recreational facility consisting of 3.3 miles of trails along Compton Creek connecting nearby parks, nature classrooms, and nature preserves within the watershed.	A final report is complete and has been approved by Compton City Council. The report provides details and opportunities for the creation of an open space network connecting Compton Creek to the surrounding community. This project is complete.	\$92,195.25
RMC3213	Coyote and Carbon Creeks Watershed Management Plan	Orange, County of	Completed	This project was for development of a watershed plan for the Coyote and Carbon Creek Watershed	Final Copies of the Watershed Plan have been delivered to the RMC, the financial documents are completed. The project is complete.	\$142,533.78
RMC3580	Coyote Creek Regional Trail System Improvements	Trails-4-All	Completed	The Coyote Creek Regional Trail System project is an assessment of the Coyote Creek Bike Trail as well as signage and some greening projects.	Trails 4 All has had successful stakeholder meetings. The mapping and report are complete and posted on the RMC Website. Grant extension to 8/30/08 to complete distribution. Project is complete	\$250,000.00
RMC3565	Development of Procedures for Project Funding Criteria	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	This grant was given to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) to enter into professional services contract for development of FY 04/05 procedures for project funding criteria.	This work has been completed and as a result RMC funded more than 30 eligible capital outlay projects.	\$90,000.00
RMC3232	Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multi-Use Project	Los Angeles - Dept. of Public Works, County of	Completed	The Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse project proposes to modify two existing retention basins located on each side of the Los Angeles River.	The project resulted in improved capture and treatment of run off along with an extensive native landscape, recreation trails and interpretative signs.	\$192,578.50
RMC3273	Duck Farm Geotechnical Studies	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	The grant provides for geotechnical sampling on the Woodland Duck Farm property and independent analysis of the sampling results.	The final results of testing were reviewed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The report indicates that the area tested is not suitable for groundwater recharge.	\$146,756.00
RMC3243	Duck Farm Planning	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	The purpose of this project is to create a Master Plan for the Woodland Duck Farm property.	The Master Plan is complete for the Duck Farm Phase 1 A. Implementation continues under RMC3609. Close-out is in process with final accounting underway.	\$480,000.00
RMC3274	Duck Farm Traffic Studies	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	The grant provides for CEQA documentation; a traffic study on the Woodland Duck Farm property and for professional services related to the project.	Work on this grant is complete. The project funded pre-acquisition traffic studies and CEQA documentation for the acquisition of the Duck Farm.	\$34,668.84
RMC3259	East Los Angeles Civic Center Improvements	County of Los Angeles	Completed	Assist in creating a sustainable, educational water feature connecting the plaza through open space	The project resulted in a water feature and recreation space at the Civic Center is now complete. An official opening took place on May 9th, 2008.	\$500,000.00
RMC3212	Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques Study	Los Angeles - Dept. of Public Works, County of	Completed	Develop a tool, in the form of a user-friendly spreadsheet model, to help make economic assessment of watershed improvement projects.	The project is complete. The tool will be available to a wide range of users and demonstrations can be made for a wide variety of stakeholders.	\$50,000.00

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RMC3587	Edens Lost and Found: Emerald Necklace	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Completed	This project's aim was to produce a segment for the series on the Emerald Necklace and to create a Teacher's Curriculum for the video with Amigos de los Rios.	This project is complete with the video on the Emerald Necklace and the teacher's curriculum delivered and on file. Amigos de los Rios has begun utilizing the video in their outreach efforts.	\$74,500.00
RMC3249	Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Completed	Eden's Lost and Found is a four-hour PBS series, showcasing extraordinary stories of environmental rebirth in four very different American cities.	The segments covering Chicago and Philadelphia aired in May 2006. The remaining segments, on the Los Angeles area and Seattle were shown in January of 2007. More information is available at http://www.pbs.org/opb/edenslostandfound/ and http://edenslostandf	\$100,000.00
RMC3208	El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study	Long Beach, City of	Completed	This project was to study the feasibility of bringing the urban run-off flow of the San Gabriel River through El Dorado Regional Park, Nature Center and proposed wetlands to make the park's lake and stream systems part of the San Gabriel River System.	The study is complete, it is possible to create wetlands in the park at a large cost, report is on file with RMC. Project is complete and closed.	\$100,000.00
RMC3605	Encanto Park Bioswale	Duarte, City of	Completed	This project is the water quality and conservation element in a larger project at Encanto Park, the Encanto Nature Walk Project.	Project close-out. Final Invoices requested to release retention. Project complete. See RMC 3633 for Phase 2.	\$150,000.00
RMC3566	Ferguson and Wildwood Pre-Acquisition Expenses	Glendora, City of	Completed	This grant paid for the appraisals and appraisal reviews enabling the City of Glendora and the City of San Dimas to seek funding for acquisition of properties totaling approximately 400 acres located in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills of Glendora.	The appraisals of Ferguson and Wildwood Canyons are complete. The state review of the appraisals for Wildwood and Ferguson are complete and supported. The work for this grant is now completed.	\$50,000.00
RMC3229	Galster Park Project	West Covina, City of	Completed	The grant provides funding for improvements to portions of the existing 42 acre Galster wilderness park.	The final project resulted in major improvements to the family campground so it is fully ADA accessible, including upgrades to connecting trails, restrooms, and signage. Landscaping was also enhanced with native plants. Final billing has been paid.	\$476,000.00
RMC3617	Ganesha Park	Pomona, City of	Completed	The proposed Ganesha Park Trails Project will seek to re-open trails at Ganesha Park and to provide users with a sense of history of the park. This phase is planning.	The City has formally withdrawn from further development on this project and requested RMC disencumber the balance of \$112,540.00.	\$116,945.00
RMC0302-A	Geotechnical Sampling, Woodland Farms	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	Grant provides for geotechnical sampling on the Woodland Duck Farm property and independent analysis of environmental documents services to Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.	Geotechnical studies on the Duck Farm were completed, testing for permeability completed, report on file. Grant completed	\$325,000.00

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RMC3339	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase I	North East Trees	Completed	This is the first (phase I) of two grants to fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children.	This project, Phase I, is complete and the second grant, RMC3340, funds Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II.	\$4,991.93
RMC3340	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II	North East Trees	Completed	This grant will fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children.	NET has completed construction and student outreach for the project. The project resulted in a improved alley with native plants and paving improvements connecting the community to Graham Elementary School.	\$50,920.00
RMC50291010	Grant Guidelines Development	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	Grant provides for development of grant guidelines for Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	Grant Guidelines were completed and utilized in Grant cycle of 2004. The Grant Guidelines are on file. Project Completed	\$138,285.00
RMC3608	Green Solutions	Community Conservancy International	Completed	A scientific analysis and subsequent identification of multi-purpose projects which will address water quality, water supply, habitat restoration and recreational access in RMCs' territory.	The completed report includes a summary of potential multi-purose project locations in RMC's territory that have a primary goal of achieving water quality benefits.	\$50,000.00
RMC3568	Green Visions Phase II	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	This Phase II project is to implement the major tasks identified in the Phase I framework, to identify and assess opportunities for habitat conservation and restoration, open space acquisition and recreational facilities development, and watershed protect	Results of the species mapping and open space analysis are being incorporated into the web-based GIS tool. Hydrologocical data integration is pending completion, see Phase III tasklist.	\$500,000.00
RMC3233	Habitat Authority Community Outreach & Education	California Native Habitat Endowment Fund	Completed	This project is to develop a curriculum to train the trail and program volunteers (Docents) to conduct interpretive tours in the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Authority properties.	Work is complete on this project. The Docent Manual is complete, the training for the Docents outlined. Final payment has been made to the Authority.	\$20,000.00
RMC3556	Historical Ecology of the RMC SGR	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Completed	Define and prioritize historical research questions to meet restoration and management information needs	Project completed 12/31/06. The report has been posted on the websites of the RMC, SCCWRP and Cal State Northridge Geology Department.	\$148,000.00
RMC3562	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	This project involved making preliminary findings regarding project opportunities and related criteria for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Region.	Work has been completed and final work product has been submitted. This document provided the framework for an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the RMC territory.	\$100,000.00
RMC3359	Invasive Weed Control in Riparian Habitat of San Gabriel Valley	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Completed	Undesirable invasive non-native plants will be selectively controlled by targeted herbicide applications.	All work has been completed and resulted in the removal of invasive weeds over a wide area north of Whittier Narrows. The project is currently being monitored for recurrence of invasive weeds.	\$35,238.49

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RMC3623	IRWMP Multipurpose Plan Development	West Basin Municipal Water District	Completed	This work is for identification and development of multi-purpose projects for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Deliverables for this project funded by the RMC were completed 4th Qtr 2008. Multi-purpose projects which include habitat restoration and recreational access were identified in the Upper and Lower San Gabriel River and Lower LA River watersheds.	\$100,000.00
RMC3604	La Habra Heights Trail Connectors Plan	La Habra, City of	Completed	The City of La Habra Heights will locate, identify and assess the condition of multi-purpose trails within the city that have connectivity to other trails in the region, or those that could have connections, if restored with appropriate improvements.	The Master plan has been completed. Work is complete and final billing is complete	\$49,991.58
RMC3367	La Verne Open Space ANF Connection (Project 1)	La Verne Land Conservancy	Completed	The La Verne Open Space project is an enhancement of open space being purchased by the City of La Verne in the Marshall Canyon Area of the San Gabriel Foothills.	This project was not completed due to conflicting expectations of the City and the La Verne Land Conservancy. Staff is following-up with the Grantee for disencumbering funds and withdrawing the grant.	\$208,000.00
RMC3231	Lario Creek Enhancement Project	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Completed	This grant will provide planning funds for stream bank stabilization and restoration while increasing the channel's ability to divert water for groundwater replenishment.	Review of the two alternatives by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is complete and the report has been finalized. This conceptual stage of planning is complete. Further work at PW is required.	\$125,000.00
RMC3372	Lashbrook Park	El Monte, City of	Completed	Lashbrook Park is a creation of a park out of unused land along the Rio Hondo River.	The new park is complete and was opened on January 28th, 2006. There is new native plants throughout the park, a bio swale, interpretive signage that includes Emerald Necklace Wayfinding signage. This project is complete	\$71,000.00
RMC3373	Legg Lake Fishing Pier	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Completed	This grant will provide restoration of an area of North Legg Lake by implementing a shoreline restoration program which includes ADA parking, an access walkway and ramp, an informational kiosk and native landscaping.	The project was transferred from LA County Department of Parks and Recreation to LA Co. Department of Public Works. Construction complete 12/30/08.	\$500,000.00
RMC3374	Lemon Creek	Walnut, City of	Completed	Expansion and renovation of an existing park. The outdoor portion of the park to be accessible to developmentally disabled patrons and provide passive natural areas with recreational amenities.	This project is now completed and resulted in trail improvements along Walnut creek with native landscaping and amenities.	\$225,000.00
RMC3570	Long Beach Aquarium Watershed Exhibit Expansion Project	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	This grant facilitates the completion of the Long Beach Aquarium Expansion Project - RMC 3257 for design and planning.	The Pierpoint exhibit is complete. Construction began on the Classroom and related exhibits in February, 2008. Construction on classroom and native plantings is complete. Opening event 11/12/08. The final payment has been made	\$1,322,000.00

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RMC3559	Long Canyon, Santa Clara River	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	The Santa Clara River remains to a large extent unaltered and, because of this much of the natural habitat is intact.	The MRCA has completed the acquisition of the property and will manage the property for conservation purposes.	\$100,000.00
RMC3380	Los Angeles River Bikeway Path Enhancement and Rehabilitation	Bell, City of	Completed	Enhancement and rehabilitation of the LA River bikeway path, City of Bell. This project will extend the River Parkway project funded by the Resources Agency.	Augmentation of the funding for this project approved by RMC Board 7-9-07 for \$151,000 to fund the final reach of this project in the City, along with an extension to the end date to 3-31-08. Project is complete, City has been fully reimbursed.	\$350,900.00
RMC3586	Los Angeles River Parkway Access Improvements - Cudahy	North East Trees	Completed	Development of a pocket park using several funding sources.	Project is complete. Ribbon cutting held in April 1 2009. Payment requests submitted and paid to NE Trees.	\$150,000.00
RMC3226	Lynwood Meadows	Lynwood, City of	Completed	Lynwood Meadows project will rehabilitate a vacant city-owned property as a park with natural features including trails, native planting and benches.	Park project is complete. RMC Staff attended Lynwood Meadows Grand Opening on Sept. 13, 2008.	\$562,379.00
RMC3266	Lynwood Nature Park (South Gate Riparian)	Lynwood, City of	Completed	The grant paid for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (soils sampling).	The project was closed in May 2005. The soils report is in the RMC 3237 file as it also pertains to the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.	\$5,000.00
RMC3607	Mapping Support Services	Green Info Network	Completed	Creation of a project management database, clean up and organization of project attributes (GIS and other), map creation.	This grant was confirmed to restart at the July 2009 RMC Board meeting given it had received priority funding and authority to proceed with the grant currently under contract. The workprogram database was completed and all deliverables on 08/30/09	\$31,790.00
RMC3394	Maywood Bikeway Access	North East Trees	Completed	Funding will provide for an enhanced and naturalized bikeway access with native planting, permeable surface, bench seating, and other amenities on the north side of Slauson Avenue at the LA River.	The project is now complete. The project resulted in an enhanced trailhead providing improved access to the Los Angeles River Trail with native landscaping and recreation amenities and has been transferred to the City of Maywood for management.	\$244,109.00
RMC3395	Maywood Riverfront Park	Maywood, City of	Completed	The project has taken abandoned industrial and Superfund sites and converted them into a riverfront park with connections to the LA River Bike Trail.	The park implementation is complete and park is now open. Final retention has been processed. Park opening and dedication took place May 10, 2008.	\$250,000.00
RMC3269	Mines Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project	Pico Rivera, City of	Completed	Contruction of a Class 2 bike land along Mines Road to connect the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Spreading grounds is not feasible at this time.	Final project billing has been submitted for \$56,023.60. The balance of \$224,094.40 has been disencumbered.	\$56,023.60

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RMC3204	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Monrovia, City of	Completed	Acquisition of additional acreage in the City of Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve.	The City has completed purchase of 52 acres within the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve. The city has one last piece of land to acquire in the Preserve. The project is complete and closed.	\$810,000.00
RMC3602	Native Habitat Docent Manual	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Completed	The Native Habitat Docent Manual is a project that started out with the Habitat Fund and has been redirected to the Habitat Authority due to their capacity to complete the work at this time.	The Habitat Authority has completed its Docent Manual and prepared a training schedule for the first class of Docents. The project is complete and closed.	\$26,000.00
RMC3585	Native Landscape Workshop	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Completed	The project developed and a conducted three workshops for landscape architects involved in design of public landscapes.	Turnout at the workshops was excellent, and participant evaluations were highly positive and indicated support of further outreach to assist in the industry's capacity to support the development of sustainable landscapes. This project is now complete.	\$5,212.00
RMC3422	Native Plant Palettes for the San Gabriel River	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Completed	This grant provides funding for development of a list of native plants that can be used as suitable vegetation palettes for establishment of native plants in the San Gabriel River Watershed.	This project resulted in a comprehensive list of native plants suitable for use in projects within the San Gabriel River Watershed. The project is now complete and the list is under consideration for use in the San Gabriel River Master Plan.	\$52,788.00
RMC3425	Oak Canyon Nature Center	Anaheim, City of	Completed	The project proposes improvements to the interpretive trail and nature center entryway and outdoor amphitheatre.	The City of Anaheim has completed the installation and submitted the final reports and photos. This project is complete.	\$6,050.00
RMC3207	Olinda Historic Trail	Brea, City of	Completed	Build a trail from the historic oil production area of the City of Brea up into the dedicated open space in the hillsides adjacent to Chino Hills State Park	The City of Brea has completed 2.2 miles of trail with educational/interpretive signage. The project is completed and closed.	\$98,050.00
RMC3426	Olinda Historic Trail Phase II	Brea, City of	Completed	The Olinda Historic Trail II is the extension of the Olinda Trail funded by the RMC, allowing for the City to create a loop trail that takes advantage of the conservation easement.	The extension of the Olinda Trail in Brea, Olinda Trail II to its full 2.2 miles is complete. The project is closed.	\$45,000.00
RMC3253	Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities	Orange County League of Cities	Completed	The Orange County Division of the League of California Cities (OCD) assessed open space, habitat, low impact recreation, watershed improvements and educational uses in the Orange County area.	This grant funded identification by the OCD of high priority regional open space and recreational opportunities as well as brought together the Cities in Orange County within the RMC territory. The project is complete and the report is on file.	\$125,000.00
RMC3592	Organic Community Farm	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Completed	This grant is to fund several projects at the EarthWorks Community Organic Farm, located in South El Monte.	This project is complete; including all the elements identified in the scope of work of a native plan meadow, demonstration gardens and related interpretive materials.	\$83,260.00
RMC3429	Pacific Communities Acquisition Project	Duarte, City of	Completed	This grant provided for acquisition of the Pacific Communities property, also known as the Duarte Foothills Reserve.	The City of Duarte completed the acquisition of 329 acres in December 2005. The project is closed.	\$3,500,000.00

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RMC3200	Park Bond Project Management Services	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Completed	Project management services were provided for RMC grants for capital outlay projects.	The MRCA provided project management services such as project development and grant administration. All services have been completed.	\$547,448.00
RMC3270	Park Bond Project Management Services II	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Completed	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant.	\$589,139.00
RMC3242	Park Master Plan - Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park, City of	Completed	Development of a portion of the city's Parks Master Plan, to identify needs and opportunities for open space and passive recreation in the City's existing park system.	City has adopted the master plan. This project is complete	\$50,000.00
RMC3214	Peck Water Conservation Park	Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation	Completed	Conduct a survey of Peck Park and connections to the park from the surrounding communities, and create a master plan.	This project is complete. A Master Plan has been developed for entranceway improvements, habitat restoration, native garden, irrigation improvements, and other park amenities.	\$25,000.00
RMC3235	Pio Pico State Historic Park	Friends of Pio Pico	Completed	Interpretive materials which provide an overview of the capital improvements to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	The interpretive materials have been completed. This document provides an overview of the capital improvements to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	\$5,000.00
RMC3600	Project Management and Technical Services	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work, budget and administration of grant.	\$0.00
RMC3613	Project Management Services	MRCA	Completed	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget and grant administration.	\$757,549.00
RMC3224	Puente Creek Nature Education Center	La Puente, City of	Completed	The City of La Puente proposes acquisition of a vacant parcel along Puente Creek on which the Nature Center would be located.	The acquisition and design phase of this project are complete. The project resulted in a master plan for the Nature Center. Construction documents are being finalized for the project.	\$394,522.94
RMC3241	Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	Paramount, City of	Completed	Development of a park master plan for the newly acquired properties that will be used for passive recreation and open space.	This planning grant is complete. Funding provided for the developmnt of a conceptual plan and construction documents. Implementation of this project has moved forward with RMC and other funds.	\$200,000.00

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RMC3561	Ralph C. Dills Project	Paramount, City of	Completed	This grant provided funds to cover the cost of environmental services and demolition activities associated with properties acquired for the purpose of expanding Ralph C. Dills Park.	The environmental services are complete and the RMC has authorized a grant for site planning, RMC3241, Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	\$72,435.00
RMC3638	Ralph Dills Park Implementation	City of Paramount	Completed	Park development based upon RMC funded master plan for newly acquired properties that will be used for passive recreation and open space.	Project is complete, project dedication took place in Feb. 2009. .	\$1,000,000.00
RMC3234	Rancho Los Alamitos Native Garden Restoration	Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation	Completed	The project includes planting of natives, the construction of pathways, interpretive signage, and professional services related to design and planning for the native plantings and improved grading.	The project is complete. The project resulted in the installation of paths, irrigation and historic landscape. The Foundation will host an official opening in the coming weeks.	\$63,546.00
RMC3216	Rancho Los Cerritos Landscape Restoration	Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation	Completed	Rancho Los Cerritos, is a national, state and local historic landmark. This project consisted of site planning to enhance a stream on the site and related amenities	The planning phase of this project is complete and resulted in construction documents for the improvements. RMC Board has approved funding for implementation of the Arroyo phase of this project under RMC 3616.	\$55,042.49
RMC3271	Rio Hondo Watershed Plan	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Completed	In 2002, the Regional Water Quality Control Board awarded Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grants to develop four sub-watershed plans within the RMC area.	This project is complete and the final plan was accepted by the Regional Board. The Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan contains an overview of existing conditions within the watershed, discusses how these conditions should shape future projects.	\$37,455.00
RMC3465	Rio Vista Nature Trail	El Monte, City of and Amigos de los Rios	Completed	This is the second phase following the Rio Vista Park rehabilitation.	Work is proceeding on this project. Work has been completed on the tree planting and installation of the fence and amenities. The trail opened officially in May, 2008. City is maintaining and monitoring project.	\$567,000.00
RMC3221	Rio Vista Park Restoration and Conservation Project	El Monte, City of	Completed	The Rio Vista Park Restoration is complete it is a project that provides the restoration and rehabilitation of Rio Vista Park complete with interpretive displays, historical depictions of the Rio Hondo.	The project is complete with the interpretive signage and native plantings in place. The park was officially reopened on June 7, 2008.	\$375,200.00
RMC3557	Riparian and Wetland Mapping	Southern California Coastal Water research Project	Completed	Digital mapping for wetland and riparian areas in the RMC territory	Mapping was increased from 17 quads to 20, and is complete. The report and maps will be posted on the Cal State Northridge, Center for Geographic Studies Website.	\$104,000.00
RMC3272	RMC Grant Guidelines	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Completed	Services provided under this grant included development of grant guidelines and a workshop for successful grantees to provide assistance in selecting design and construction contractors.	The grant guidelines have been completed and updated. The consultant completed the workshops and provided all relevant material. An amendment to the scope of work also resulted in the production of GIS tools to help identify RMC projects.	\$144,656.51

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RMC3590	RMC Project Management Services (Technical Assistance)	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform Project Management and Technical Assistance services.	Technical services are provided by the contracts specialist, information technology specialist, and web master to promote RMC capital outlay projects.	\$0.00
RMC3624	San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Landscape Improvement Project	Azusa, City of	Completed	Phase 2 of the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center native landscaping, walking trails, signage, irrigation, interpretive displays and an Oak Tree Memorial Groove and Wall.	The grant was awarded on the November 26, 2007 Board Meeting to complete Phase 2 of the development of the native garden at the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center. The project was completed on August 4, 2008 and maintenance will be provided by City and ANF	\$293,283.00
RMC3236	San Gabriel River Environmental Graphic Design Services Program	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Completed	This project is the design of graphic elements for signage and interpretive projects along the San Gabriel River.	The project is complete. The complete signage and environmental graphic plan for the river includes the following components: Entry signs, Mile markers, Project signs, Wayfinding signs, and Interpretive signs.	\$17,500.00
RMC3228	San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds	Pico Rivera, City of	Completed	Development of a bike path/walking trail at the Spreading Grounds, landscaping, irrigation lines, the development of a rest area, lighting, interpretive signage and improved public entrances. The project is complete	Project final billing has been processed. This project administered by LA County DPW. The Notice of Completion was issued December, 2007.	\$479,882.00
RMC3239	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement	Seal Beach, City of	Completed	The City of Seal Beach is restoring the existing San Gabriel River Trail.	This project is complete with construction drawings at 90%. The project is completed with phase 2-development under a new grant, RMC 3573.	\$160,000.00
RMC3247	San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Restoration Assessment Project	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Completed	The San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Assessment project is a collection of research and data with an analysis in the Upper San Gabriel River, Walnut Creek and San Jose Creek sub watersheds.	The final report is on file with the RMC and will be included as part of the current conditions of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Plan.	\$84,987.00
RMC3230	San Jose Creek Bike Trail Planning	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Completed	Construction of 0.7 miles of a Class I bicycle trail with enhancements to landscape and hardscape.	Trail alignment and geotechnical work is complete for the San Jose Creek and San Gabriel River bridges. All work covered by this grant is now complete. Funding for construction has not yet been identified.	\$200,000.00
RMC3215	San Jose Creek Greenway Improvements	North East Trees	Completed	Provide additional habitat benefits to the current Greenway Project by providing additional plantings, interpretive signage, and volunteer events.	This project is complete. The project resulted in landscape and trail improvements along San Jose Creek between Workman Mill Road and the 605 freeway. The improvements are now managed by Los Angeles County Department of Park and Recreation.	\$48,975.00

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RMC3210	Santa Fe Springs Park Master Plan & Nature Sanctuary Feasibility Study	Santa Fe Springs, City of	Completed	Create a master plan for Santa Fe Springs Park and assess the feasibility of expanding the park to create a nature park on a 13 acre site at the the northern end.	Grantee has not completed the master plan study and project has stalled. RMC Staff met with City Mgr and Staff in Feb 08 to determine next steps. Focus was redirected toward S.portion. RMC Grant 3595 will be terminated City to pursue other funding source	\$100,000.00
RMC3244	Seal Beach Open Space Opportunities	Seal Beach, City of	Completed	This small planning grant funded the investigation of potential open space opportunities within the City of Seal Beach and allowed for a master plan approach to future projects.	The project is complete and the plan is on file. Opportunities for planning, partnership, and property acquisition were identified and allow the City to strategically plan its future open space needs and potential opportunities for RMC funding.	\$44,242.76
RMC3262	Seventh Avenue Trailhead Improvements	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Completed	Seventh Avenue Trailhead project was with the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority in the northwestern Puente Hills in the Hacienda Heights community as an improved access point to the Skyline Trail and other trails in the hills.	The Habitat Authority has completed the project that included a trailhead, interpretive signage, a bioswale and connection to the Skyline Trail; they also hosted a trail opening event. The final payments have been made and the grant closed out.	\$231,739.00
RMC3588	South Gate LA River Parkway Access Improvements	South Gate, City of	Completed	This project will provide access improvements to the LA River Parkway at Southern Avenue and Hollydale Park.	Grant augmented by RMC Board for \$215,000. New total \$465,000 covered cost increases. Construction is complete. Ribbon cutting 1-17-08. Final landscaping is complete prior to 11/30/08. Final payments complete	\$465,000.00
RMC3634	South Gate Riparian Habitat Acquisitions Grant	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	\$189K grant from RMC to WCA for acquisition of 4 parcels. 7.6 acres as part of the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.	Property acquired on 8/12/08 by WCA, \$630K.Next phase: Approve \$1.5 in devo funds (Prop.A) from City of South Gate to WCA. Project on hold due to state budget freeze.	\$189,000.00
RMC3611	South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition	Trust for Public Land	Completed	The Trust for Public Land (TPL) provided professional services related to the acquisition of a 7.6+ acre site along the Los Angeles River and a component of the South Gate Riparian Restoration project (RMC3237).	WCA acquired property on August 14, 2008 from TPL. RMC has funded Northeast Trees to develop a feasibility report and conceptual plan for the site.	\$126,000.00
RMC3220	Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Development Project-Diamond Bar	Diamond Bar, City of	Completed	This project developed the first trail increment of the City's five-site, city-wide trail system.	This project, the first 1.5 mile increment of the trail system, is complete. The trail opened on February 25, 2006. Project is complete.	\$124,081.00
RMC3582	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase II	Diamond Bar, City of	Completed	The Sycamore Canyon Trail II project will construct two new trail access points along the trail as well as two class B trail heads.Project is complete.	The City has completed the two trail access points in Steep Canyon and opened them. The project is complete. Final payment received by City 6/30/09. Funding for Phase IV pending RMC Board approval May 2010	\$140,000.00

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RMC3612	Technical Assistance	MRCA	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project technical assistance support for implementation of bond funded projects	Services provided under this agreement included the preparation of all reports and both fiscal and administrative required for projects funded under each bond program administered by the RMC. This agreement is funded from the support budget.	\$0.00
RMC3218	THINK RIVER!	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Completed	This small grant funded development of the Think River! project -- an integrated watershed education program to provide educational opportunities for youth in the San Gabriel Valley regarding water quality, water supply and use and habitat.	This project is complete. The final version of the Think River! curriculum is on file.	\$46,440.00
RMC04-402-2A	Traffic Study for Woodland Duck Farm	Mountains Recreation And Conservation Authority	Completed	Grant provides for CEQA Documentation and for a Traffic Study on the Woodland Duck Farm property.	The Traffic Study for access to the Duck Farm was completed and is on file. Grant completed.	\$80,000.00
RMC3291	Train Depot Staging Area	Bellflower, City of	Completed	Restoration of an historical train depot into a regional bikeway trail rest stop/staging area as well as transit facility.	Construction is complete and a grand opening was held.	\$250,000.00
RMC3209	Vincent Lugo Park Renovation	San Gabriel, City of	Completed	Develop a master plan for the renovation of Vincent Lugo Park.	The Master Plan is complete. The master plan for redevelopment of Vincent Lugo Park included native planting, run off retention, improved trails and interpretive signage. Balance remaining \$25,024 redirected to RMC3598 11/27/06	\$49,976.16
RMC3205	Washington Park Implementation-Pasadena	Pasadena, City of	Completed	The project consisted of the redevelopment of Washington Park and restoration of historical elements.	Construction is complete and an official opening ceremony was held on September 30, 2006. The project resulted in renovation of trails within the park with native landscaping and interpretive signage.	\$331,543.84
RMC3589	Watershed Assessment and Planning Opportunities	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Completed	The RMC grant would provide support to the Watershed Council to prepare a concept proposal, the first step in a two-stage application process.	The grantee developed a project proposal for Proposition 50, Ch. 7 grant programs, hosted a project workshop and coordinated regional interests in the program.	\$9,240.00
RMC3219	Watershed Education in Multi-Lingual Communities	Regents of the University of California	Completed	The University of California Cooperative Education and East Los Angeles College cooperated to develop a multilingual watershed interpretation and education curriculum for English-as-a-Second-Language students.	The concept was submitted to LA Valley College and to University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) publications for free download. The project is complete.	\$32,094.00
RMC3267	Watershed Education Outreach	TreePeople	Completed	This work was not carried out, as time progressed, the need for TreePeople to provide services to the designated cities was no longer necessary	Grantee has withdrawn from this project, as the scope is no longer feasible. The balance of the funds has been disencumbered and the project was closed in October 2006.	\$16,093.80

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RMC3250	Watershed Improvement Projects-LACC	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Completed	This grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps provides for improvements within the San Gabriel River Watershed.	LACC has completed weed abatement projects, treatment of invasive weeds and landscape improvements along the San Gabriel River and San Jose Creek.	\$150,000.00
RMC3543	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project Phase II	Lakewood, City of	Completed	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project – Phase II project will extend and connect the greenbelt and existing trails of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail (Phase I) through the proposed area to Del Amo Boulevard.	This project is now complete and is open to the public. The project includes native landscape and a trail along the San Gabriel River.	\$300,000.00
RMC3245	Whittier Greenway Extension	Whittier, City of	Completed	The Whittier Greenway is a linear park and multi-use trail along an abandoned 5.2-mile, Union Pacific rail corridor through the City of Whittier.	The project is complete. RMC staff continues to work with the city to identify funding for further work on this project. The City has contracted for the next phase, a connection from the San Gabriel River to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	\$150,000.00
RMC3637	Whittier Greenway Trail Environmental Project	Whittier, City of	Completed	\$203,200 for the remediation of arsenic found on the 4.5 mile Whittier Greenway Trail.	Project is complete. Grand opening in February 2009. City submitted all payment requests, including 10% retention. Payments processed pending state bond freeze.	\$203,200.00
RMC3619	Whittier Narrows Dam Rec Area Development Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	The WCA is working with Army Corps and other agencies to update the Master Plan that will identify sustainable, multi-benefit watershed projects to address open space, recreation and watershed needs of the region.	Wenk Assoc. has begun the development plan process including facilitating executive team, stakeholder team, and community meetings to develop the "baseline" of the WNRA, establish a vision for the plan and develop policies that will guide development.	\$300,000.00
RMC3547	Whittier Narrows Nature Center Trail Enhancement	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Completed	Staff provided assistance and coordination with LA County Department of Parks and Recreation for a Resources Agency grant to create an interpretive trail linking the Whittier Narrows Nature Center site to the San Gabriel River.	This project completed March, 2007. LA County Department of Parks and Recreation performed most of the work with County staff and volunteers. Project Funded by Resources Agency	\$0.00
RMC3255	Woodland Duck Farm Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	Acquisition, planning and implementation of minor improvements to the first major riverfront park along the San Gabriel River.	Acquisition and planning activities under this grant completed, including a survey of the entire visioned park to create new title and record property easements. Implementation grant RMC3609 continues development.	\$1,300,000.00
RMC08109	Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness-Leonard Property	City of Monrovia	Funded	The City of Monrovia proposes to purchase a 40-acre parcel at the foothills of the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve in the City of Monrovia with access provided by Lower Clamshell Motorway	RMC Board approved grant, grant agreement in process. The City has requested an extension and is updating the appraisal and is moving forward. The acquisition is tentatively scheduled for late fall 2010.	\$1,318,000.00
RMC3576	Anaheim Coves/Burris Pit Park Development	Anaheim, City of	Funded	The Burris Pit/Anaheim Coves project is the development of a trail with landscaping and interpretive elements around a recharging pond in the City of Anaheim.	Prop 84 approval by RMC Board pending 05/24/10 for \$2,579,000. Design completion June 2010, construction Sept 2010	\$841,610.00

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RMC3596	Azusa River Wilderness Park Planning and Implementation - Prop 40	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	This grant is planning and implementation for the Azusa River Wilderness Park.	The demolition of the Mobile Home Park was completed in Feb. 2010. Remaining \$53K in grant will be used for Conceptual Design and Construction documents. Interviews for firm selection to take place on 5-12-2010.	\$1,321,000.00
RMC3238	Bellflower Riverview Park	Bellflower, City of	Funded	The project will provide a natural, riverfront environment along the San Gabriel River, serving numerous communities.	Project extension approved at 11/23/09 RMC Board meeting through 3/30/2011, consistent with River Parkways grant.	\$300,000.00
RMC08112	Big Tujunga Dam Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Funded	Installation of flow and control systems that will enable restoration and enhancement of downstream riparian habitat. Includes Information kiosk and passive recreation opportunities.	Project construction continues utilizing other funds. Project encountered delay due to Station Fire. Meeting with Forest Service on Interpretive RMC elements. Currently the grant is being certified by the State.	\$1,000,000.00
RMC3615	Canyon Inn/International Theological Seminary property	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The proposed project is a fee simple acquisition of the approximately 26.06 acre International Theological Seminary (Canyon Inn/Cool Springs) property in Azusa within the Azusa River Wilderness Park project area.	Project resumed work with the Special Use Area Planning beginning in May and the survey of the property almost completed.	\$1,500,000.00
RMC3640	Chapter 8 Defaulted Tax Property	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The WCA identified and bid on tax defaulted parcels that would further implement the agency's programmatic objectives. These parcels are available at a low costs and would facilitate WCA's program goals.	Staff is working on submitting agreement forms to the County, withdrew submitting parcels in Industry and Monrovia. Working with City staff of Long Beach, Glendora and Claremont.	\$100,000.00
RMC3254	Citrus Grove Heights	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	Pre-Acquisition and acquisition costs for a tax default property in Pico Rivera along the San Gabriel River and SGR Bikeway, to be developed for a bike rest stop by the WCA.	Staff is working on the conveyance of site from MRCA. Anticipated completion and deed processed is scheduled for February 2010.	\$15,000.00
RMC3621	Compton Creek Daylighting Study	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Funded	This feasibility study will focus on a significant storm drain network or catchment area in the Compton Creek Watershed or areas that drain directly to the western lower Los Angeles River	Study scheduled for completion in August 2010. Outreach is ongoing with community and agency stakeholders.	\$192,000.00
RMC3584	Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park	Cerritos, City of	Funded	The Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park is a project that will enhance 2 access points to the Coyote Creek Bike Path. RMC staff has been working successfully with the City of Cerritos in defining the gateway/access area to Coyote	Construction drawings submitted to LA County PW Oct 2009, permit issued 1/25/2010, Amendment 6 for change to SOW (delete new access ramp, add decorative gates), approved 1/25/2010. Construction complete in May 2010.	\$400,000.00

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RMC3318	Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement Project	Los Alamitos, City of	Funded	The Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement project is the creation of a park out of an underused space along Coyote Creek.	Design concepts revisions needed due to delays and to conform with Edison constraints. Project stopped due to bond freeze. 11/09 RMC Board approved extension to grant end date and correct bond allocation. Amendment 4 pending.	\$1,440,000.00
RMC3419	Discovery Sports Complex (Formerly NASA Park)	Downey, City of	Funded	This grant provides passive recreation and interpretive concepts, and contributes to the cost of the large storm water basin, located adjacent to the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.	RMC staff visited site in Dec 08, prior to freeze. Sent letter to city re: plant spacing, irrigation and other issues. RMC will schedule site visit to finalize project. Project re-started after bond freeze was lifted, final walk through pending.	\$500,000.00
RMC3609	Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 23 acre river adjacent park project.	SCE conceptually approved schematic design on May 6, 2010. Development of Construction Documents for Step 1 Phytoremediation project can now proceed. Project Awarded an EEMP grant. Step 1 Construction target start date Fall 2010.	\$1,798,389.00
RMC3263	El Dorado Nature Center Renewal	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The El Dorado Nature Center Renewal proposes to restore trails, restore the stream and improve signage.	The project was completed in February 2010 and included restored trails, streams and improved signage.	\$327,000.00
RMC3618	Emerald Necklace San Jose Creek Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	This project is a fee simple acquisition of approximately 4 acres within the San Jose Creek area in unincorporated Los Angeles County, Avocado Heights and will be developed as passive open space with equestrian features and water quality elements.	The WCA and landowner have completed negotiations on an option agreement which will result in initiating the due diligence period of 4 months. Staff is working with the County (long term steward) to finalize land acquisition and resolve survey issues.	\$50,000.00
RMC3633	Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale Project	Duarte, City of	Funded	The project provides a bioswale with interpretive signage, native landscaping and a small infiltration basin to manage storm runoff.	Project CD's 100% complete with Construction implementation tentatively scheduled for June through December 2010.	\$508,000.00
RMC3337	Gibson Park Habitat Plantings	El Monte, City of and Amigos de los Rios	Funded	Part of the Emerald Necklace, Gibson Park grant from the RMC will fund native landscaping, an outdoor interpretive kiosk & an outdoor classroom where visitors and school children can learn about the natural history and resources of this area of the water.	The City of El Monte is preparing to award the contract for construction of "Mariposa Park" grant agreement was extended to December 2010.	\$433,500.00
RMC3222	Laguna Lake Park Master Plan	Fullerton, City of	Funded	The Laguna Lake project in the City of Fullerton is a restoration of a park designed and utilized since the 1950's.	Grant Agreement amendment 8 extends time of performance to 12/30/10. Planting June 2010, establishment through Dec. 2010	\$620,000.00
RMC08106	LCWA Hellman Acquisition Related Expenditures	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Funded	A grant to the LCWA for Hellman Acquisition related expenditures such as closing costs for escrow, title report, surveys and appraisal since these costs are not covered by the WCB grant.	This project was authorized in December 2008 the appraisal and appraisal review have been completed. Project to be completed by Fall 2010	\$60,000.00

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RMC08101	Padua Avenue Park Development	Claremont, City of	Funded	This is a 22 acre park development project that will feature both active and low impact recreation spaces. Includes a habitat enhancement feasibility study for the northeastern section of the site.	Project continued without RMC portions during bond freeze, opening 4/24/10. City/RMC reviewing restart/budget and project components during May 2010, target complete fall, with feasibility study ongoing.	\$850,000.00
RMC3594	Phase I Implementation of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center	La Puente, City of	Funded	Phase I of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center is designed to make the park functional while additional funding is being sought to complete the proposed project.	Per BF, City has run into issues with adjoining school district regarding Joint Use Agreement. Check with City for confirmation.	\$1,175,000.00
RMC3616	Rancho Los Cerritos Arroyo Improvements	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The Rancho Los Cerritos Arroyo Restoration Project will expand the recreational use of the facility.	Final revisions have been submitted for approval to the City of Long Beach. Grant extension approved through May 2011. Construction scheduled to begin March 2010!	\$275,000.00
RMC3458	Rio Hondo - Roosevelt Avenue River Trail Entry	Montebello, City of	Funded	The City of Montebello's Roosevelt Avenue project will enhance and provide amenities for the trailhead on the Rio Hondo bike path.	The City has received its permits from DPW and the cooperative maintenance agreement with the County has been signed and approved. The project was completed in April 2010, signage, native plantings and a picnic area were added to the bike trail.	\$210,000.00
RMC3248	Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The WCA has identified trail access and signage improvements as a critical need for the river corridors in our territory.	WCA funded 7-sub-grants for trail improvements and signage along the SG and LA Rivers: completed projects are signage at Thienes Avenue, lower Los Angeles River, the San Gabriel River Trail at Irwindale and others. Grant reverted June 2008	\$500,000.00
RMC3240	RMC Trail & Recreational Opportunities Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The product of this grant is a framework for the Green Visions Plan. The deliverables included a plan inventory, online plan library and map, data scan and analytical framework and workshop.	RMC funded a portion of Phase III work was completed on June 2008. But Phase III work continued as part of WCA 032202 non-state funds received from LA County found, set to complete December 2009.	\$500,000.00
RMC08107	San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Watershed Program Implementation	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Funded	The Watershed Council and SGV COG will hire a watershed coordinator to implement the Rio Hondo and Upper San Gabriel Rivers watershed plan by identifying projects that will serve to improve water supply, water quality and recreational access.	Amended MOU, grant agreement, scope, budget and schedule approved and certified. Department of Conservation has approved of amendments and efforts are currently on-going.	\$250,000.00
RMC3477	San Gabriel River Discovery Center	San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority	Funded	Discovery Center is the design and construction of a regional San Gabriel River watershed interpretive center at the Whittier Narrows Regional Park.	Project conceptual planning complete, environmental process, fundraising, lease, sublease and operations agreement in progress. Final EIR approved by Authority Board on 1-20-2010. Grant amend 4 approved by RMC 03/22/10	\$3,000,000.00
RMC3567	San Gabriel River Trail Connector to Pio Pico State Historic Park	Whittier, City of	Funded	Provide for the development of construction drawings and final and complete construction of a new class two multipurpose trails.	Grant extended to Feb. 2011. City has approval from UPRR for permits for trail portion of project; other issues incl pedestrian underpass. Project re-started after bond freeze was lifted.	\$659,136.00

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RMC3573	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Development Project	Seal Beach, City of	Funded	The San Gabriel River Trail project is the development phase from the previous planning grant the City of Seal Beach received from RMC.	Project restarted July 2009 following bond freeze. Public outreach meetings conducted, construction drawings 55% as of 12/09. Coastal submittal and CEQA clearance are in process. RMC approved Grant amendment 2	\$2,000,000.00
RMC3481	San Gabriel River Walk	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The San Gabriel River Walk consists of the development of a publicly accessible multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail through a restored native landscape along the western bank of lower San Gabriel River between Spring and Atherton streets.	This grant was restarted and the City of Long Beach is currently re-bidding the project and is scheduled to start construction on August 2010.	\$622,600.00
RMC3595	Santa Fe Springs Park Improvements and Development of Nature Sanctuary	Santa Fe Springs, City of	Funded	This grant funds implementation of a portion of Phase I functional elements of the park, such as the walking trails and landscaping.	RMC Staff working with City and MIG to finalize preliminary construction plans including revision of plants, trail entrance, and stream design. Waiting for response from City regarding comments.	\$600,000.00
RMC08102	Soledad Canyon CAPP Acquisitions	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Funded	The project is matching funds to acquire four parcels located within the Angeles Linkage CAPP	The RMC Board approved award of Prop 84 funding to MRCA for a CAPP acquisition in October 08. The funding for this project is now available and the grantee is moving forward with acquisition.	\$750,000.00
RMC3237	South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration	North East Trees	Funded	Feasibility Study for potential acquisition and development of a small nature park.	Timeline extended to August 2010 to allow NE Trees to continue working on hydrology study, soils analysis and other design concepts for completion of grant.	\$500,000.00
RMC08108	Thompson Creek Feasibility Study and Planning	League of Women Voters	Funded	Phase 1, feasibility and planning, to increase ground water recharge and preserve water spreading grounds as open space wetland/riparian area and 120 acre public park for recreational and educational use.	Project restarted, grant amendment for end date December 2010 will be necessary. Stakeholder meeting held 4/24/10.	\$200,000.00
RMC3635	Urban, Mountains, and River Parkway, Capital Projects	Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority	Funded	The project management services provided through this grant to the MRCA will directly lead to the acquisition, restoration and development of open space and recreational projects.	This agreement has been extended to June 30, 2010. This grant was approved for transfer to the WCA in February 2010.	\$926,400.00
RMC3598	Vincent Lugo Park Implementation Phase I	San Gabriel, City of	Funded	The grant will provide matching funds to the City for implementation of Phase 1 of the Vincent Lugo Park Masterplan.	March/April Bond sale funds provided to project to restart completion of Construction Drawing package which is underway. City to begin review of in progress package with LACFCD. Project slated to begin construction in early Summer 2010.	\$525,024.00

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	Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space Acquisition Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The project is the Watershed Conservation Authority's acquisition of a portion of the 60.76 acres within the riparian area of Walnut Creek and west of the 57 Fwy, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, 5th District, surrounded by the City of San Dimas.	WCA completed the acquisition of the property. The City and the WCA are working on an analysis of the utilities on the property and the potential trail connections with the Antonovich Trail.	\$8,455,000.00
RMC3642	Walnut Creek San Dimas Habitat and Open Space	City of San Dimas	Funded	The City of San Dimas is conducting the pre-acquisition tasks related to the acquisition of the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Project by the Watershed Conservation Authority.	The City of San Dimas completed the acquisition of Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project. The City is moving forward with analysis of the utilities and potential trail access points.	\$80,000.00

DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 11: Project and Liaison Activities

Bureau Land of Management Land Management Plan: The Bureau of Land Management is currently revising the South Coast Resource Management Plan. Additionally, the RMC Board authorized a memorandum of understanding with BLM for RMC participation in the Plan revision. An administrative draft of the South Coast Resource Management Plan was circulated in May 2009 and comments were received from different agencies and it has been sent to the State Office and is pending the Washington Office review. The public review process has been delayed due to other priorities in the BLM office.

Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council): The Watershed Council continues to provide a wide range of watershed improvement services including implementation of a major water augmentation and water quality demonstration project in the City of Los Angeles, they now have 12 employees funded through a variety of sources working in native landscaping, Compton Creek watershed, water quality testing, watershed coordination, DAC Outreach, Quarterly Symposia etc. in the watershed. A planning team recently worked on evaluating key messages for the entity through a service grant from the Taproot Foundation.

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan: Draft grant guidelines for Proposition 84 funding under this program were recently released and comments were submitted on April 23, 2010. The RMC and WCA continue to be very involved in the efforts of this region related to Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). Over the next two months the GLAC Leadership Committee and Sub Regional Steering Committees will prioritize project submissions for the next implementation grant round expected to be released in mid to late summer.

National Park Service (NPS) San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study (San Gabriel SRS): NPS Staff met with the stakeholder agencies with the initial elements of the draft report earlier this year and received additional comments. The next steps for the NPS staff on this special resource study are as follows: 1. To complete a draft report. The draft report is expected to be completed for review in fall of 2010; 2. After stakeholder review of the report, a final report will be completed for presentation to Congress in fall 2011. More information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel>.

Upper Santa Clara River: The RMC Board approved funding for acquisition of several parcels located within the Soledad Canyon CAPP Acquisition project and was recently authorized to restart the RMC grant and acquire the property. The acquisition can take place within 3-5 months pending appraisal report is approved by DGS. Soledad Canyon CAPP Acquisition project has formed the Santa Clarita Valley Conservation Alliance (SCVCA), which meets quarterly to discuss acquisitions within the CAPP. Currently the SCVCA is working on the several acquisitions, but are pending due to the State Budget.

Conservation efforts in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed continue. A plan for implementation of the Conceptual Area Protection Plan has been finalized. Discussions are ongoing between biodiversity working group partners, the City of Santa Clarita and the consultants working on the

project regarding acquisition opportunities. The One Valley One Vision Plan (OVOV), a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Clarita and Valley residents and businesses to create a single vision and guidelines for the future growth of the Valley and the preservation of natural resources in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed will seek to create a green belt along the upper Santa Clara River to the east of the city.

City residents recently approved an assessment district aimed at providing funds for preservation of a green belt as outlined in OVOV. The City hopes to leverage the assessment district funds to maximize the funds available for acquisitions. The City of Santa Clarita is currently working to secure enactment of H.R. 5887, the Soledad Canyon Mine Act that provides for a resolution that would transfer mining rights, currently held by CEMEX, a mining company, to a location close to Victorville, California. H.R 5887 creates a mechanism for the Secretary of the Interior to cancel the two contracts for sand and gravel mining that CEMEX presently has with the Bureau of Land Management.

The South Coast Wildlands Project (SCWP) received a grant from the Resources Legacy Foundation to provide start-up costs for a non-profit land trust in the upper watershed that will engage with the local communities of Agua Dulce and Acton and, in coordination with the biodiversity working group, will focus on and continue conservation efforts and partnerships in the upper Santa Clara River watershed. SCWP recently published a report highlighting the upper Santa Clara River watershed area as a significant wildlife linkage in the network of linkages for the South Coast Ecoregion. The report, South Coast Missing Linkages: A Wildland Network for the South Coast Ecoregion is available on line at <http://www.scwildlands.org>.

The Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP: Meets quarterly and seeks a balanced approach to managing the water resources that are reflective of the region's interests. The overall general will of the public, elected representatives, and government, is to manage the watershed in a responsible manner that balances growth, economics, and natural resources. The Upper SCR IRWMP stakeholder group is one venue where all sides on these issues can work together to define common goals and objectives in the watershed and prioritize implementation programs to reach those goals/objectives and within those parameters, all input from parties with diverse views regarding growth are welcomed. The Upper SCR IRWMP submitted their Regional Acceptance Process (RAP) and was approved by the Department of Water Resources. Currently Upper SCR IRWMP is developing a program to prioritize funding and developing final guidelines for Prop 84 grants. The grant guidelines were released on March 8 and are currently being reviewed and incorporated into the MOA.

Compton Creek Watershed Activities: RMC Staff continue to participate in the Compton Creek Task Force and coordinate efforts with the County of Los Angeles Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (2nd District) on the Master Compton Creek Ecosystem Restoration and Implementation Plan.

Habitat and Science Panel (HSAP): HSAP met in November and discussed the impacts of the Station Fire on RMC projects. The next meeting the HSAP members will focus on the HSAP 2009 Goals and will primarily focus on Monitoring and Maintenance Guidance Templates for RMC grantees and secondly on the Evaluation of the RMC PECs utilized in the 2007-2008 Grant Cycle.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (EENR Committee): The EENR Committee meets on a monthly basis and staff participates as a non-voting member. The voting members are Mary Ann Lutz, Chair (Monrovia), Denis Bertone, Vice-Chair (San Dimas) and Sam Pedroza, Member (Claremont). There are five

working groups for the EENR Committee: Air, Energy, Open Space, Solid Waste and Water. An agency representative also participates in the monthly Water working group meetings.

Proposition 40 and 50 Program Audit: On January 8, 2009 the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations initiated a program audit of RMCs Proposition 40 and 50 funds. The auditing process is ongoing and a final report is expected within the next 30-60 days. These audits are required by the Bond Acts and are conducted for all agencies in receipt of bond funds. Staff is has already implemented many actions to address recommendations made by the auditors during the exit interview.

Executive Officer Activities: As previously reported to the Board the Executive Officer (EO) is a member of the State Audubon Board and takes time off on a quarterly basis to attend meetings throughout the state. In 2008 and 2009 the EO also participated as a member of the Second Century Commission established by the National Parks and Conservation Association with the participation of the National Parks Service on vacation time. As a result of that experience the EO was recently appointed as a member of the National Parks Service Advisory Board and Chair of the Nation Natural Landmarks Committee, see attached appointment letter. Since this appointment will require out of state travel that is fully paid by the National Parks Service your EO will take state time to attend these meetings at least twice annually.

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Green Visions: Phase I and Phase II are complete. Phase III funded through RMC funds was stopped on December 2008 due to the state bond freeze and therefore the RMC and WCA Board approved budget augmentation on December 2008 was not authorized and is awaiting for an Amended Grant Agreement. Project staff resumed work on May 2009 due to non-state matching funds from LA County DPW and completed work on December 2009. Staff is in the process of conducting a final project close out review. The project deliverables include: Habitat Tool Development, Development Watershed Modeling, Testing Habitat Tool Development, Revision of Data Layers, Testing Watershed Modeling and Web Tool Enhancements.

Duck Farm Project: Phase 1A project development activity has resumed with limited bond funds approved for this purpose. Schematic Design package has been developed and has been conceptually approved by Southern California Edison for uses within their easement. The WCA/AECOM Project Team has worked closely with SCE personnel to secure design intent approval over the month of April 2010. And will continue to hold regular reviews to streamline/expedite the consent approval process as the project moves through the construction documents phase. The project strategy to complete Phase 1A construction documents (CD) package in two steps to enable construction activities to begin in the Fall 2010 remains on track.

Azusa River Wilderness Park Project: WCA staff is continuing to work on implementing project priorities. A boundary survey of the Canyon Inn Property has been completed, with additional surveying ongoing for the Phase I of development; The WCA Board approved the final Azusa River Wilderness Park master plan. Staff has evaluated the proposals to prepare construction documents for Phase I of the plan development and will be awarding a contract in early June.

Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space: Walnut Creek Open Space was acquired in October 2008 and the process of initiating planning for the site has been restarted. The City of San Dimas is currently analyzing the utilities connections and easements along with the potential trail connections to the Antonovich Trail.

Both the Los Angeles County Camp Crews and the California Conservation Crews (from both Pomona and Los Angeles) have been on the property in the last month downing some dead trees and doing weed abatement on the property.

Emerald Necklace: The Emerald Necklace is a vision for a 17 mile loop of parks and greenways connecting 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents along the Río Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. Since its inception, a number of stakeholders have developed numerous projects and activities that help accomplish this vision. In order to better coordinate and facilitate both projects and activities along the Emerald Necklace, staff participates in monthly coordinating meetings with Supervisor District 1 staff and other stakeholders. A purpose of these meetings is to discuss the current status of on-going projects and coordinate the prioritization of projects along the Emerald Necklace for recreational and habitat enhancement purposes. A recent accomplishment was adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding between Amigos de Los Rios, County Parks and Public Works regarding a process to effectively handle project implementation permits.

Whittier Narrows Plan Update: The Whittier Narrows Plan Update is in its first draft with the partners reviewing and commenting. The draft report will be released to the stakeholders group in late May with public release in late June. The CEQA compliance documentation is ongoing with the expected release of the Draft EIR in late June.

SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY

On January 20, 2010 the Authority certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Discovery Center; also approved at this meeting was the first alternative of the project a 14,000 square foot (sf) building. The NEPA findings were approved at the April 2010 board meeting. A lawsuit was filed by the Friends of the Whittier Narrows Natural Area and the Authority's in house legal counsel and CEQA legal counsel are providing support to the Authority on this matter. Schematic design update is currently underway for the 14,000 sf building and staff has increased fundraising efforts.

LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA):

Activities regarding acquisition of the Hellman 100 acres site in Seal Beach have re-started. The Wildlife Conservation Board is considering a grant to the LCWA for this acquisition at the May 2010 meeting. LCWA completed the updated appraisal report for the Hellman Properties and received approval of the appraisal report from the Department of General Services on February 2009. The Purchase and Sale Agreement and Pollution Legal Liability are being finalized and the documents to purchase the property are ready and acquisition of the property is tentatively scheduled for all 2010.

The LCWA applied for the 2009/2010 California Coastal Commission Whale Tail Grant to continue the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program and received an \$18,000 award. This grant will support the program from June 2010-June 2011.

LCWA is currently working with its partners, El Dorado Audubon, Aquarium of the Pacific, Save Our Beach and Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards to implement the Stewardship Program beyond the SCWRP grant. Additionally the LCWA is currently working with US Fish and Wildlife Services and Eric Zahn to acquire funding for developing a program to restore Zelder Marsh.



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Ms. Belinda Faustinos
Executive Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
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Dear Ms. Faustinos:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you to the National Park System Advisory Board for a 4-year term, effective the date of this letter.

The purpose of the Board is to advise the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service. Among other things, the Board provides recommendations on the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks, and on the historic significance of proposed national historic trails. A copy of the Board's charter is enclosed for your information and reference.

Under applicable ethics laws, your appointment carries with it the status of "special Government employee." This means that when you act in your capacity as a Board Member, you are subject to many of the same standards of conduct that apply to Federal employees in general, including the avoidance of conflict of interest. As a special Government employee, you also are required to file a confidential financial disclosure form as a new entrant and on an annual basis. Please review the enclosed information regarding special Government employees and return the required forms within 30 days.

Members of the Board serve without compensation. However, you will be provided travel expenses and per diem allowance when away from your home or regular place of business in the performance of pre-authorized services for the Board. Ms. Shirley Sears Smith of the National Park Service will contact you soon regarding Board activities. In the meantime, should you have questions or need more information, Ms. Smith can be reached at (202) 354-3955.

I appreciate and thank you for your willingness to commit your time and energy to the Board's work, which is very important to both the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service. We look forward to having the benefit of your advice as we fulfill our obligation to protect and preserve America's great treasures.

Sincerely,

Ken Salazar

Enclosures

DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 12: Discussion regarding new procedures for general obligation bond funded programs/projects (BL 08-33 and BL 09-15) and RMC Grant Programs

Background: On December 17, 2008 BL 08-33 (Exhibit A) was issued to all State departments, commissions and boards. Effectively this directive stopped work on all bond funded projects due to the impacts of the global economic crisis and the status of the budget in the State of California. Since that time through the diligent work of many critical players in Sacramento, the improved economy and particularly the success of state bond offerings, the state has been able to sell and subsequently release limited bond funds for projects such as those funded by the RMC. However, these funds were strictly limited to projects that had been approved prior to December 17, 2008.

The attached BL 09-15 (Exhibit B) issued on April 17, 2010 provides guidance to agencies with general obligation bond funded programs/projects for the approval of new projects. The recent bond sales also yielded sufficient cash for the RMC to meet our expenditure needs for Proposition 40, 50 and 84 existing projects through December of 2010. We were also recently informed that an allocation of \$10M in Proposition 84 cash is available to the RMC for new projects. This new cash is expected to meet our cash needs through December of 2010. In the future, as indicated in the BL 09-15 there will be two bond sales annually, in the fall and summer to meet projected cash needs. It should be noted that due to current year re-appropriations to the RMC of Proposition 40, 50 and 13 funds (\$7.6M) will not be available for these programs and new projects until after the 2010 fall bond sales.

Needless to say, this new process and the release of funding for projects that have been pending for seventeen plus months, is very welcome news. Since it was over 18 months ago that the RMC reviewed the staff recommendations from our 2007-2008 grant program attached are the staff reports from 2008 where twelve (12) Tier 1 projects (Exhibit C) were approved and the (Tier 2 projects (Exhibit D) that were *conceptually approved*. Several projects identified in these reports were approved by the Board prior to the December 17, 2008 bond freeze. However, due to many of the uncertainties regarding the availability of funding several project applicants have hesitated to complete a grant agreement.

Obviously the economic climate has hit cities, counties, non-profits, etc. very hard and in some cases, although few, project proponents are still weighing whether they can move ahead with the projects developed over two years ago. In order to give the RMC board a "snapshot" of the 2007-08 competitive grant program projects impacted by the freeze, staff has prepared the attached Exhibit E, Grant Status Report. This report provides a comprehensive listing of all projects submitted during the 2007-08 Grant Program solicitation process which made the final cut to the Tier 1 and 2 recommendations for funding and those recommended for "urgency" funding such as the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center, (RMC09103).

There are 24 projects listed in Exhibit E that were not approved for funding prior to December 17, 2010. Four projects are on hold pending a determination by staff if they can move ahead for a variety of reasons, see notes section of Exhibit E for details. There are six (6) projects identified on the list that are recommended for approval on today's consent calendar. One project, the

Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility, is on the regular calendar due to special circumstances. It is expected that at least 15 projects on this list will be recommended for approval at the June RMC meeting.

The Grant Status Report (Exhibit E) also includes a fiscal summary for currently appropriated bond funds, encumbrances approved to date including those items on today's agenda, projected encumbrances for the current fiscal year and the remaining cumulative balance of bond funds. It is important to note that both staff reports (Exhibits C and D), identified future funding needs for the projects funded under prior grant programs and the 2007-08 Grant Program. Therefore, while there is a \$ 10M balance available after all the projects listed in Exhibit E are approved, most of these funds are committed to either the implementation phase of several planning grants or to meet the previously adopted priority to fund projects under the Urban Program in disadvantaged communities. It is expected that in FY 2011-12 the final allocation of Prop 84 funds to the RMC in the amount of \$6M will also be required to substantively meet these objectives.

Based on information gathered from current grantees and internal staff projections the estimated funding gap for our current projects is \$30M. This estimate constitutes only .02% of the projected workprogram "unmet need" of \$1.3 Billion adopted by the Board on September 21, 2009. However, staff continues to make every effort to leverage RMC funding with other state, federal, and local funding programs. Therefore, staff strongly urges the RMC to approve the consent calendar as proposed.

BUDGET LETTER

SUBJECT: INTERIM LOANS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION AND LEASE REVENUE BOND PROJECTS	NUMBER: 08-33 DATE ISSUED: December 18, 2008
REFERENCES:	SUPERSEDES:

TO: Secretary of State
 State Controller
 State Treasurer
 Superintendent of Public Instruction
 Administrative Office of the Courts
 Agency Secretaries
 Office of the President, University of California
 Chancellor's Office, California State University
 Board of Governors, California Community Colleges

Department Directors
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 Department of Finance Budget Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Budget Officers are requested to forward this Budget Letter (BL) to their Department Facilities, Construction, and Contract Managers.

The Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) voted yesterday to freeze all disbursements from AB 55 loans (Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) loans) with the exception of accrued interest and necessary administrative costs. The PMIB took this action to preserve necessary cash resources to pay the day-to-day operational needs of the state for the balance of the fiscal year pending further PMIB action in January. If loan disbursements continue at the current pace, the state's portion of the PMIA is projected to run out of liquid cash before the end of the current fiscal year (cash held in the Local Agency Investment Fund will remain). No future loans or higher amount of loan renewals will be approved until the budget crisis is resolved in a manner sufficient to allow the state to resume issuing bonds.

AGENCY LIABILITY

Please be advised that any expenditure not in compliance with this BL could result in your department's or agency's operating budget being obligated to pay that expenditure.

PROJECT SUSPENSION AND FREEZES

Effective immediately, all state entities that have expenditure control and oversight of General Obligation and lease revenue bond programs shall:

1. Cease authorizing any new grants or obligations for bond projects, including new phases for existing projects.
2. Suspend all projects, excluding those for which Department of Finance (DOF) authorizes an exemption based on criteria described unless the contracting entity can continue with non-state funding sources (private, local, or federal funds).

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3. Freeze all disbursements on AB 55 loans that were not authorized nor submitted to the Controller for payment prior to December 17, 2008.
4. Instruct all grant or loan recipients not to enter into any new construction, other agreements or contracts that would be funded from AB 55 loans.

State entities are not permitted to substitute cash in special funds for previously approved AB 55 loans. Utilizing cash in other state special funds that are in the PMIA would not comply with the PMIB's actions taken yesterday.

EXEMPTIONS

Immediately report to your DOF Program Budget Manager any project, which if suspended, will subject the state to unacceptable legal liability, fines or penalties. Such projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if continued funding is appropriate or feasible.

In the next few days, additional project information and status will be required so that the PMIB may determine what additional expenditures will be authorized to comply with its direction that all future AB 55 disbursements not exceed \$500 million through June 2009.

Additional information and direction will be forthcoming.

/s/ Michael C. Genest

MICHAEL C. GENEST
Director

BUDGET LETTER

SUBJECT:	GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDED PROGRAMS/PROJECTS	NUMBER:	10-09
REFERENCES:	BUDGET LETTERS 08-33, 09-02, 09-09, & 09-15	DATE ISSUED:	April 27, 2010
		SUPERSEDES:	BL 08-33 AND BL 09-15

TO: Secretary of State
 State Controller
 State Treasurer
 Superintendent of Public Instruction
 Administrative Office of the Courts
 Agency Secretaries
 Office of the President, University of California
 Chancellor's Office, California State University
 Board of Governors, California Community Colleges

Department Directors
 All GO Bond Financing Committees
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 Department of Finance Budget Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Budget Officers are requested to forward this Budget Letter (BL) to their Department Facilities, Construction, and Contract Managers.

Background

In December 2008, the Department of Finance (Finance) issued BL 08-33 which directed departments and agencies that had expenditure authority over bond funds to cease making any new contracts or obligations for programs or projects that were funded from both general obligation (GO) bonds and lease revenue bonds. That direction was necessary as the Pooled Money Investment Board had voted to freeze all disbursements from the Pooled Money Investment Account because of the significant cash crisis that the state was experiencing at that time.

Since that time, capital projects, grant programs, and funding for staff support has been provided by the upfront sale of bonds. Bond projects and programs have had limited authority to initiate new obligations to the extent bond proceeds have been made available.

Issue

As a result of successful GO bond sales and departments being aware of the need to have bond proceeds on hand before making any binding commitments, departments may now begin to plan on having those bond proceeds at specific times of the year. This BL sets out a framework and process for GO bond funded projects and programs to provide some amount of certainty and assurances in planning and moving forward. This BL supersedes the restrictions in the previous BLs so that departments, grant applicants, and the contracting community can begin to plan for the future.

Over the last year, state agencies and departments have been reporting semi-annually estimated cash needs for GO bond projects and programs that have been underway as well as estimating cash needs for new and future projects to Finance and the State Treasurer's Office (STO). While the allocation of bond proceeds have been prioritized to fund projects, programs, and other commitments underway, funding to initiate new projects has not been consistent or easy to anticipate.

Initial Plan

The information collected by Finance in preparation for the spring 2010 bond sales was used as the starting point for planning future GO bond sales. Based on the bond cash needs reported by departments and agencies in February 2010, for the 2010-11 through 2012-13 fiscal years and beyond, the proceeds of the spring 2010 bond sales, as well as planned future sales, have been allocated as detailed in the attached Bond Proceeds Allocation Plan (Plan). This Plan should be used by departments and agencies to plan, design, and adjust staffing levels for future workload associated with the spring 2010 bond sale proceeds and those included in subsequent cycles covered in this Plan.

After a review of the bond cash need information reported for the fall of 2010, it is expected that bond proceeds from the fall 2010 bond sales should provide sufficient funds to allow departments and agencies to start planning up to the amount identified on the attached Plan in anticipation that the bonds will be issued as proposed. This Plan will be reevaluated and updated at least twice a year, prior to each bond sale cycle. Actual allocations made during the fall of 2010 may be different than those currently proposed in this Plan. Therefore, project or program commitments may only be made on a contingent basis until upfront bond proceeds (cash) have been allocated for a specific project or program.

For planning purposes, it is generally assumed that projects that take multiple years to fund should be a higher funding priority in the fall bond sales because it provides more certainty that the design phases could be started sooner on these long lead projects and to allow sufficient time to award contracts by the following spring. Projects and grants that need funding on a one-time basis should be a higher funding priority in the spring bond sales because this provides the ability to begin planning grant solicitations in the fall with cash distributed in the spring of each year. Further prioritization, if needed, because of insufficient GO bond proceeds in any sales cycle should be as follows:

- Projects already underway that have a need for continuing funding should always have priority.
- In order to ensure bond cash is used expeditiously, projects and grants that are generally constructed over multiple years should not have all the cash provided up front, but rather over multiple bond sales.
- Additional prioritization should take into consideration the following: health and safety, contractual liabilities if not funded, benefit to the General Fund and or cash situation, significant job creation, leveraging other non-state funding, and other critical factors as determined.

Plan Updates

Updated bond cash need estimates will generally be requested twice a year prior to each spring and fall sale period. The updating and reevaluating of the bond cash needs prior to each bond sale could change the estimated allocations for each subsequent Plan. The attached Plan, including the fall 2010 bond cash needs, will be further reevaluated and updated prior to the fall 2010 bond sale period and thereafter. Below are some high-level parameters under which each Plan will be updated:

1. Following the release of each approved Plan, Finance will distribute reporting documents and more detailed instructions to agencies and departments, at least twice a year, in preparation of the fall and spring bond sale periods.
2. Departments and agencies will also be required to allocate bond proceeds specifically approved for new projects from the prior bond sale at the project or program level and will be required to report these allocations as part of each subsequent Plan update.

3. In the event the amount of funding allocated for new projects is less than those needs reported to Finance for the group of projects or programs the funds were requested, departments and agencies will be responsible and accountable for determining which new projects get started consistent with the prioritization criteria above.
4. To ensure consistent data collection for both Finance and the STO and as a condition of plan approval, departments and agencies will be required to update and complete the Finance designed reporting documents with requested project/program information within the timeframe requested. Modifications or substitutions to the format or content of these reporting documents will not be permitted unless prior Finance approval is granted.
5. Finance will collect and summarize the department and agency information on a statewide level and will coordinate with the STO to help plan the size and structure of future bond sales.
6. The release of each approved Plan would then start the next Plan update cycle.
7. Departments and agencies will be responsible for managing their bond proceeds allocated from each bond sale. Department and agencies who do not manage bond cash resources efficiently (meaning growing cash balances that do not match the original cash flows submitted) could be left out of a subsequent bond sale until existing bond cash is disbursed unless the discrepancies can be adequately justified.

Please contact your Finance budget analyst if you have any questions.

/s/ Karen Finn

Karen Finn
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

DATE: September 22, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8A: Consideration of resolution approving Grant Program Tier 1 Recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution approving Grant Program Tier 1 Recommendations.

BACKGROUND: On July 9, 2007 the RMC approved a grant program framework and on September 24, 2007 (Exhibit A) approved the final grant program guidelines. Those guidelines included: 1) updated policies and criteria, 2) a two Step application process, 3) criteria for Tier 1 (priority) consideration and 4) provisions for establishing “target” areas for the River, Mountains and Urban programs. Staff conducted three formal workshops to review the Step 2 application procedures and provided many additional opportunities to answer applicant questions prior to the application deadline. Tier 1 applicants were asked to submit Step 2 applications by May 23, 2008. Tier 2 applicants submitted their applications on June 6, 2008 and were given the option of submitting updated information to qualify for Tier 1 status.

The Tier 1 process resulted in the evaluation of 38 applications and the attached Exhibit B provides a program area summary report of the total number of project applications received, staff recommendations for further action, a summary of total dollars requested and a summary of applications recommended for funding. Of those applications, 17 were identified by staff as Tier 1 and 21 were self selected by the applicant for Tier 1 consideration. Perhaps the most important issue that dictated the process by which projects were evaluated is that the review teams were required to limit their evaluation of how well the project met RMCs policies and criteria with the information submitted in the Step 2 application, a policy which is consistent with virtually all state competitive grant programs. While many of the applicants had attended at least one of the workshops given by staff and discussed with Program Managers various questions regarding the Step 2 applications both in person, over the phone and via e-mail there were still quite a few applications that staff believes could have been more competitive if they had addressed the criteria comprehensively. This is an issue that will be analyzed before the next grant round; there may not be an easy remedy for this situation but staff will develop possible new procedures for review by the Board to address this issue.

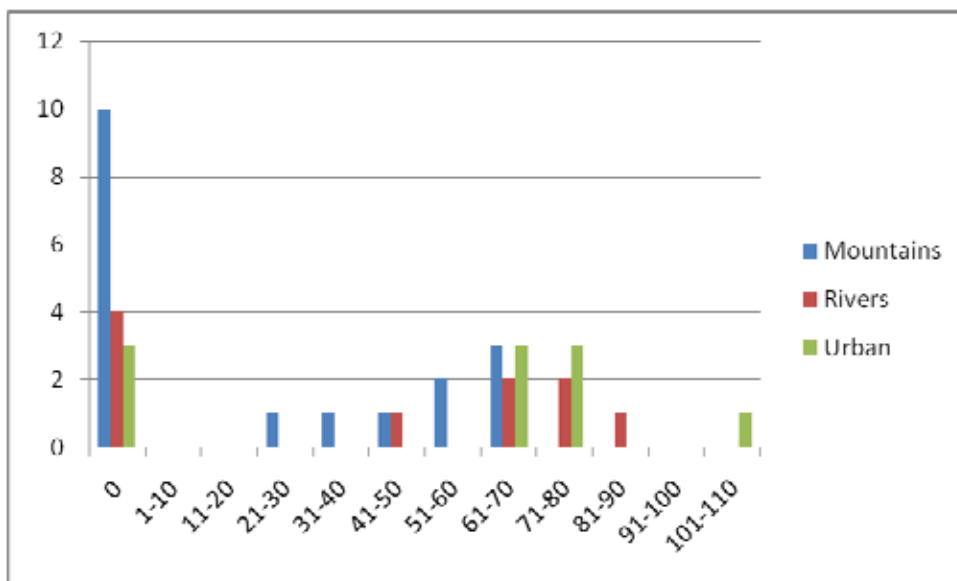
The Tier 1 application review process was as follows:

1. Each team was comprised of three persons, 2 staff and 1 volunteer.
2. Volunteers were solicited based on their availability to spend at least 40 hours on this project over a 8 – 12 week period. One team had to include an alternate volunteer member as the original member was unable to complete the entire process. Volunteer team members included: Joan Holtz, Deborah Glaser, Miguel Luna, Frank Schiavone, and Suzanne Avila.
3. A senior staff person was assigned as the “Team Leader.”
4. Each team was randomly assigned project applications with the following exceptions: Program Managers for the River, Mountains and Urban Programs did not review projects within their program area and RMC state and contract staff that wrote applications for

our various joint powers entities did not review those applications to insure that there were no conflicts of interest in review, evaluation and scoring of the projects.

5. The Team Leaders met with their teams an average of three times to review and discuss the Tier 1 applications.
6. The Team Leaders and the Executive Officer met on three occasions to review questions and insure that there was consistency among the teams.
7. The Teams in most cases conducted a site visit of the projects that were recommended for full or partial funding.

The attached spreadsheets were prepared to show several fields for each application evaluated in the Tier 1 process: Team Leader, Project Name, Applicant, Program Area, COG Area, Current Description, Original Application Amount, New Amount, Recommendation, Partial/Full Funding, Recommended Funding Amount, Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT), a summary of the scoring values and total score for each project. They are sorted by Program Area and score in three separate reports: 1) Exhibit C - Projects recommended for funding, 2) Exhibit D - Projects recommended to be deferred to Tier 2, and 3) Exhibit E - Projects that were incomplete, ineligible or withdrawn. The bar graph inserted below is a summary of the scoring distribution for each program area.



The following is a discussion of the project scoring and recommendations for each program area.

Mountains, Hills and Foothills

There were a total of 18 projects considered in the Tier 1 process, the largest number of all program areas, comprising 47 percent of the total Tier 1 applications. Nine applications were not scored for a variety of reasons; four were incomplete, four did not provide Step 2 applications, including one of which was a self deferral to the next grant round, and one was ineligible. Two projects are recommended for funding, Una Lake Wetlands and the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition (CAPP) for a total of \$855,000. Staff has further recommended that seven projects be deferred to the Tier 2 process. As is readily apparent for this program by the sheer number of applications and the dollar amount, \$64,392,959, the Mountains, Hills and Foothills is a highly competitive program area for the RMC. Only those two

projects which, in staff's estimation, scored the highest AND had matching funds are recommended for action at this time. Every other eligible project is recommended to be deferred to Tier 2.

Each project application *deferred to Tier 2* has a specific reason for this recommendation that is documented in the spreadsheet under the SWOT. In general, staff concluded that due to the highly competitive nature of this program it was prudent to evaluate all the remaining applications with the Tier 2 applications. Further, none of the other Tier 1 projects had a verifiable threat of development or other urgency to consider. Additionally, many of the projects had such high dollar amounts that to fund one project would have a significant impact on the amount of available funds for the entire grant program. In summary, evaluating the remaining applications in the Tier 2 process will allow staff and the Board to evaluate the scoring in each Program Area (Mountains-Hills/Foothills; River/Tributary; and Urban Lands), thereby showing impacts of funding allocation on a geographic basis. This will allow consideration of recommendations for the allocation of all remaining Tier 2 funding in full context of the RMC's territory and target areas.

Lastly, this program had three applications deemed incomplete: Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III, San Antonio Creek, 1898 Kerkhoff Ranch Acquisition, and Acquisition/Restoration Van Tassel Nature Sanctuary. Copies of those applications are attached to the staff report. As is obvious from a review of the documents, the Step 2 application questions were not addressed and therefore staff was unable to score the projects. Staff has received appeal letters for all three projects (attached). The remedy proposed by staff after review of the appeal letters is as follows; either the applicants re-submit in the next grant round or be allowed to submit updated information regarding meeting the agency's urgency criteria for consideration of a funding recommendation outside of the competitive grant process. The adopted "urgency" criteria are as follows:

1. A delay in recommending the action will result in loss of a matching funds opportunity.
2. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity for projects which are already part of a RMC programmatic objective.
3. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity to apply for other funds to promote RMCs' programmatic and policy objectives.

Staff recommends that those projects which may qualify for "urgency" consideration be evaluated as part of the Tier 2 process. Another major consideration for the Mountains, Hills & Foothills program will be to identify matching funds from other sources such as LA County Proposition A, River Parkway Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), etc. in order to leverage RMC funds. This has been highly successful over the last seven years and staff expects to have a comprehensive plan for presentation to the Board on this matter at the October meeting. WCB, in particular has been a significant partner on other projects in the San Gabriel Foothills and the Los Cerritos Wetlands. Staff will evaluate the recommended funding priorities based on these considerations for the Mountains, Hills & Foothills Program.

Rivers and Tributaries Program

Ten Tier 1 applications were received, nine of which were reviewed by the teams. One ineligible application was received, submitted by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. Their project provided for development of a native plant nursery which will be more appropriately handled as a possible subcontract under the future development phase of the Duck Farm. Five

projects are recommended for funding in the total amount of \$5,434,072 representing 42.5% of the total recommended funding allocations for Tier 1. The one project recommended for Tier 1 funding in Orange County is the Burris Pit Park project which also received the highest score in this category.

Although the 2nd highest scoring project was not deemed to be ready for acquisition (Thompson Creek Spreading Grounds: Acquire, Restore and Develop), staff is recommending a \$200,000 grant for a feasibility study to include a hydrology report and evaluation of land tenure options. The recommendation for partial funding of the Long Beach West San Gabriel River Walk project is contingent upon the applicant successfully obtaining 100% matching funds since the RMC has fully funded the first phase of this project (RMC3481 in the amount of \$622,600), and there are other funding sources such as the River Parkway program available for this type of project.

Urban Program

The Urban program had many high scoring projects and therefore the funding recommendations were the highest in this grant round, \$6,511,323, which is consistent with the priority given to Urban projects based on prior underfunding when compared to the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills and River/Tributary programs.

A total of ten applications were reviewed and five are recommended for funding. Of the remaining five, two applications are recommended for deferral to Tier 2, one was withdrawn by the applicant, one applicant that self designated Tier 1 did not submit the Step 2 application, and one ineligible application was received. The ineligible application was again, submitted by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for a project which could be more appropriately handled as a possible subcontract under a future WCA application. Only one of the projects recommended for funding in the Urban Core is not within an Urban "Target Area." This project is Padua Avenue Park Development in Claremont. However, part of the program criteria made an exception for projects that meet the Tier 1 status which is the case for Padua Avenue Park Development. The recommended level of funding for this project represents 12.5% of the total Urban Core Program funding. Staff has concluded this is consistent with the overall emphasis on urban projects which serve disadvantaged communities.

Attachments: Following Exhibit C are maps for each of the projects recommended for funding along with a park service area analysis for each project from the Green Visions Plan toolkit. The exception is Burris Pit Park, located in Anaheim, Orange County. The Green Visions Plan toolkit does not yet include this area. The park service area analysis report provides a park pressure reduction summary showing the changes in persons served per park acre, children served per park acre and total park service area in acres, as a result of the proposed new park in the area. In addition this report includes acreage information for each site, population served, children under 18, population density, median household income and percent of population below federal poverty threshold. Staff will provide under separate cover a comparative analysis of this information for each project recommended for funding.

Next Steps: If approved as submitted the next step for the Tier 1 projects recommended for funding will be to: 1) assign the project to a project manager, 2) verify information supplied in the Step 2 application, 3) develop a specific scope of work, budget and monitoring plan for each project over the next 30 to 90 days and 4) submit the grant for approval by the Board. Staff expects to release preliminary recommendations on the Tier 2 applications no later than October 3, 2008.

It is also important to re-emphasize that consideration of other factors in addition to application scoring will be critical for the Tier 2 project funding recommendations: 1) overall distribution of funds by program area; 2) overall distribution of funds by geographic area, i.e., giving strong consideration to projects in cities/communities that have no history of RMC funding and 3) insuring that there will be future funding available to implement at least phase I of projects considered only ready for planning/feasibility studies.

Funding: To date the RMC has approved 16 projects for Proposition 84 funding for the total amount of \$13,092,410 and has a pending item on this agenda which would bring the total amount to \$15,500,000. This amount plus the FY 08/09 Prop 84 current year allocation of \$8 million will result in a total of approximately \$18 million available for grants in the current year. If the total amount recommended for Tier 1 funding is approved there will only be \$5 million available for Tier 2 funding. However, in FY 09/10 it is expected that funding in the amount of at least \$11 million will be available from the next increment of Proposition 84 funds and re-appropriation of Proposition 40 and 50 funds provided that the allocations are approved by the Legislature and the Governor in the state budget process.

Another critical element of the funding plan for RMC projects is to leverage to the highest degree possible with other funding sources such as LA County Proposition A, River Parkway Program, Wildlife Conservation Program, Urban Streams, Urban State Parks, Greening, IRWM, etc. Given our past success in securing an average of approximately 100% matching funds staff is optimistic that progress can be made in addressing the unfunded high priority projects however it is also clear that given the high dollar value of the unfunded projects, approximately \$450,000,000, there will be many project applications that will have to be deferred potentially for decades or at minimum for the highest priority projects until there is a new significant funding measure approved with an allocation for the RMC.

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- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8E: Consideration of resolution approving Grant Program Tier 2 Recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution approving Grant Program Tier 2 Recommendations.

BACKGROUND: On September 22, 2008 the RMC approved twelve (12) projects for Tier 1 funding. The Board action approved the plan of action for Tier 2 project applications as proposed in the September staff report. The plan of action included the following key elements:

1. Evaluate all the unfunded Tier 1 Mountains, Hills program applications with the Tier 2 applications.
2. Staff recommends that those unfunded Mountains, Hills projects which may qualify for “urgency” consideration, be evaluated as part of the Tier 2 process including those with incomplete applications.

The final action of the Board approved the following next steps for the grant program to re-emphasize that consideration of other factors in addition to application scoring will be critical for the Tier 2 project funding recommendations: 1) overall distribution of funds by program area; 2) overall distribution of funds by geographic area, i.e., giving strong consideration to projects in cities/communities that have no history of RMC funding and 3) insuring that there will be future funding available to implement at least phase I of projects considered only ready for planning/feasibility studies.

The Tier 2 process resulted in the evaluation of 83 applications. The attached Exhibit A is a summary report of the RMCs past funding history, Tier 1 actions and proposed Tier 2 recommendations. Exhibit B is an alphabetical sort of all recommendations by project name, which includes the comprehensive information for each application, including the funding recommendation, strengths and weaknesses summary, and scoring information.

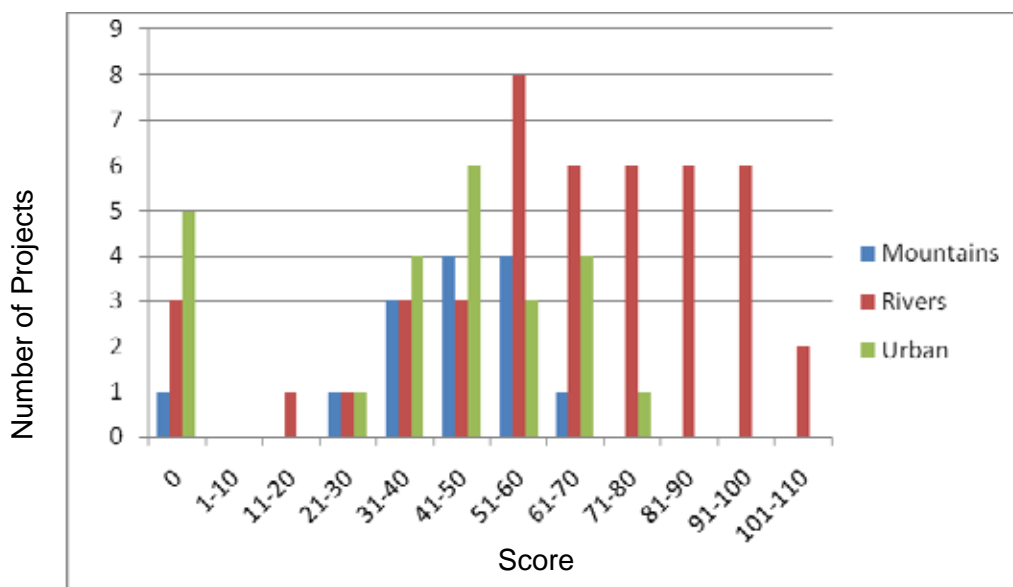
Evaluation Process: The Tier 2 review process mirrored the Tier 1 protocol which was as follows:

1. Each team was comprised of three persons, 2 staff and 1 volunteer.
2. Volunteers were solicited based on their availability to spend at least 40 hours on this project over an 8 – 12 week period. One team had to include an alternate volunteer member as the original member was unable to complete the entire process. Volunteer team members included: Joan Holtz, Deborah Glaser, Miguel Luna, Frank Schiavone, and Suzanne Avila.
3. A senior staff person was assigned as the “Team Leader.”
4. Each team was randomly assigned project applications with the following exceptions: Program Managers for the River, Mountains and Urban Programs did not review projects within their program area and RMC state and contract staff that wrote applications for our various joint powers entities did not review those applications to insure that there were no conflicts of interest in review, evaluation and scoring of the projects.

5. The Team Leaders met with their teams an average of three times to review and discuss the Tier 2 projects.
6. The Team Leaders and the Executive Officer met on three occasions to review questions and insure that there was consistency among the teams.
7. The Teams in most cases conducted a site visit of the projects that were recommended for full or partial funding.

The attached spreadsheets were prepared to show several fields for each application evaluated in the Tier 2 process: Team Leader, Project Name, Applicant, Program Area, COG Area, Current Description, Original Application Amount, New Amount, Recommendation, Partial/Full Funding, Recommended Funding Amount, Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT), a summary of the scoring values and total score for each project. The projects are sorted by Program Area and score in four separate reports: 1) Exhibit D - Projects recommended for full or partial funding, 2) Exhibit E - Projects recommended for funding if matching funds can be identified or if further feasibility/planning analysis is required, 3) Exhibit F – Projects that are not recommended for funding, and 4) Exhibit G – Projects that are ineligible, incomplete or withdrawn.

The following chart is a summary of the scoring for project applications by program area:



The following is a discussion of the project scoring and recommendations for each program area.

Mountains, Hills and Foothills

There were 16 Mountains, Hills, and Foothills projects considered in the Tier 2 process, comprising 19 percent of the total Step 2 applications. Of the 16 applications, one was not scored as it self-deferred to the next grant round (Cha'wot Nature Preserve). The total dollar amount of Step 2 applications for this program is \$2,235,814. Four (4) projects are recommended for full or partial funding:

- Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project \$76,230
- Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve \$1,318,000

- Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration 2 \$75,000
- San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Project \$766,584

The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 55 points. Because of the types of projects in this program area, lower scores are expected with very few projects having points in the urban lands values, sustainability and public health values. Within the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program, staff is identifying potential match funding from outside sources for acquisition projects listed in the "Pending Feasibility Analysis" report. These are projects that contain high natural resource value, but do not rank high enough to justify full or partial funding.

- The history of funding for the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program has been fairly robust in the amount of \$23,072,894 to date, comprising 36% of the total RMC funding. New funding recommendations under Tier 1 in the amount of \$855,000 are 7% of the total Tier 1 funding. New recommendations under Tier 2 in the amount of \$2,235,814 are 26% of the total Tier 2 funding. The net result of historic plus new Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding recommendations equals 31% of the total RMC funding which is consistent with a fair distribution of funds across program areas.
- Definition and Goals of the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills Program: This program area is identified as land lying within the area of a named system of mountains, hills and foothills. More specifically, land lying within the geographic area of the San Gabriel Mountains, the San Jose, San Rafael, Montebello, Puente, Chino, Coyote, or Signal Hills, the San Gabriel foothills, and within the territory of the RMC but NOT within the Urban Lands or River/Tributary Parkways. The primary intent of this program is watershed, habitat, and wildlife corridor protection, trails and public access as appropriate to the site. Accordingly, categories in the Project Evaluation Criteria which were emphasized (double points) for this program area were: habitat values and water resources and quality values.
- Characteristics of value scoring areas both on the high and low side: The values that the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding that scored high include access to a park or a trail, habitat value, recreational resources value and water resource value. Lower scoring criteria categories for this program area include cultural/historical value, educational value, public health value, sustainability value, and urban land value. It is characteristic of projects located in the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills program area to score low on some of the values due to location of the projects and lack of development of the project beyond acquisition so that there are generally no amenities or site planning contemplated or completed. The historical nature of the Mountains, Hills and Foothills program is the urban edge and remaining open space that has potential for acquisition as open space, with the primary concern to protect it from further urban development.
- Challenges for projects not recommended for funding: The majority of the projects within the Mountains, Hills, Foothills Program that are not recommended for funding include projects that did not score well in the project evaluation criteria. Low scores for projects indicate that the project application did not address program goals adequately or did not make the project competitive for funding. Additional considerations included project readiness, a willing seller's letter, and project development that addresses the RMC criteria. Based on overall projected costs in the full/partial funding category and those

projects where matching funds can be identified, recommending funding for these low scoring projects does not appear likely.

- Discussion of projected phase I implementation costs: There are four projects recommended for Tier 2 funding, two of these are for full funding needed for a phase 1 development leaving two projects that will need Phase 1 implementation funding. The estimated cost for a Phase 1 implementation for the two projects is \$2 million which would include acquisition as well as development costs.
- Matching Funds Opportunities for the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program: There are several matching funding sources for the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program including the Wildlife Conservation Board, Los Angeles County Proposition A funds (Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space District), Resources Agency River Parkway Funds, and Department of Water Resources funds (through the IRWMP process). Four projects in the Pending Feasibility Analysis category of Tier 2 are currently undergoing further evaluation for which matching funds are the most appropriate and available. The total amount needed for funding of these projects is \$29,550,000. Notably the Wildwood Canyon Project will be the most challenging project to fund in its entirety. Staff has initiated discussion with the landowner, City of San Dimas and others to identify potential acquisitions strategies which would not have a major impact on RMC's scarce remaining resources for funding other program areas. With the remaining projects in this category (Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III, La Verne Open Space ANF Connection: Anabi Property Acquisition, Arrastre Canyon Acquisition, Vasquez Conservation, Education, Rec Center (Acquisition)) staff will work with the project applicant to identify appropriate matching fund sources. For the Vasquez property, staff recommends a 50% match of RMC funds for the \$1.3 million dollar request contingent on a matching fund source can being found. Staff also recommends that negotiations for this property include access through other portions of Mr. Vasquez's holdings on the Glendora Motorway whose terminus is through Mr. Vasquez's holdings. This funding, even at \$650,000, will have a negative impact on other program needs.

Rivers and Tributaries Program

There were a total of 44 projects considered in the Tier 2 evaluation process, comprising 52 percent of the total Step 2 applications. Of the 44 applications, three were not scored; one was ineligible (Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Habitat Restoration program), one did not provide a Step 2 application as a self deferral to the next grant round (Norwalk Dog Park), and one withdrew because it received full funding from Resources Agency (San Gabriel River Trail Extension to Azusa River Wilderness Park). The total dollar amount of Step 2 applications for this program is \$26,847,895.

The projects recommended for full and partial funding include:

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| • Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration | \$220,000 |
| • Azusa –Geology Park Development | \$279,000 |
| • Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project | \$150,000 |
| • Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project | \$100,000 |
| • DeForest Park Wetland Restoration Project | \$1,000,000 |
| • Emerald Necklace Segment C2 | \$ 50,000 |

• Emerald Necklace Segment A2 ACE	\$ 50,000
• Emerald Necklace Segment B2	\$ 50,000
• Emerald Necklace Segment E	\$ 50,000
• Los Cerritos Wetlands Recreational Access-Bryant	\$225,000
• Los Cerritos Wetlands Recreational Access-Hellman	\$225,000
• Maywood Riverfront Park – Phase 2	\$125,000
• Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	\$ 50,000
• Vincent Lugo Park-San Gabriel – Phase 2	\$525,409
• West San Gabriel River Parkway – Phase 3	\$106,638

The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 61 points with the exception of the Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project which scored 34 points. This project was included for funding, as it falls in Orange County, a historically underfunded area within the RMC's territory. It is important to note that RMC staff continues to actively increase outreach efforts to identify multi-benefit projects within the Coyote Creek Watershed, including underserved urban target areas. Important partnerships which serve this purpose include the ten individual cities in the watershed, Orange County Division League of California Cities, County of Orange Watershed & Coastal Resources, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Watershed Management Division (San Gabriel River Watershed Section).

- Historical funding of the Rivers & Tributaries Program: To date, the RMC has granted \$24,829,317 to Rivers & Tributaries projects, comprising 39% of the total RMC funding. New funding recommendations under Tier 1 in the amount of \$5,434,072 are 42% of total Tier 1 funding. New recommendations under Tier 2 in the amount of \$3,206,047 are 37% of total Tier 2 funding. The net result of historic plus new Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding recommendations equals 39% of the total RMC funding, which reflects a continued pattern of historic funding levels.
- Definition and Goals of the Rivers and Tributaries Program: This geographic program area is defined as land falling within one-quarter mile on either side of the centerline of a river or tributary within the RMC territory, but not within a Mountains, Hills, and Foothills or Urban Land area. The primary intent of this program is to provide for a revitalized accessible river parkway along the main stems of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and their tributaries, increase riparian corridors, and provide enhanced recreational opportunities. Priority projects might include those which provide restoration of riparian habitat or wetland restoration and extend or enhance recreational trail corridors. Projects in this program area were evaluated utilizing the criteria established by the RMC with the evaluation criteria other than those already weighted with 5 points, points were doubled in the criteria of Access, Recreational Resource Value, and Water Resource and Quality Value. Additional scoring emphasis was given in the evaluations categories for Public Health and Urban Land Value for Rivers and Tributaries applications which fell within Urban Target areas, thus addressing multiple program area goals.
- The projects recommended for funding in Tier 1 and 2 achieve the main goals of access, recreational resources, and water resources/quality improvements. These projects provide new and/or improved access and connections from communities to the rivers and tributaries parkways. Most, if not all projects are "multi-benefit" projects which

improve storm water and site runoff management practices, add to passive recreational opportunities, and in several cases, improve riparian habitat conditions and/or fall within the Urban Target areas.

- Characteristics of Rivers and Tributaries value scoring: Criteria categories of access, recreational resource and water resource and quality were overall the high scoring values for the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding. Additional value scoring in the areas of Public Health and Urban Lands was earned for the projects which fell within the Urban Target area. Lower scoring criteria categories for this program area include cultural or historical, educational/interpretive, restoration, scenic, stakeholders/partners, stewardship and maintenance plan, sustainability and trails/multi-use trails. The Rivers and Tributaries program is limited to projects that are within ¼ mile either side of rivers or tributaries which pass through our predominantly developed urban areas which also tend to be industrial areas. As a result, habitat restoration opportunities are more challenging to accomplish. Also, many of the Tier 2 projects are for planning and concept development, which is the phase under which many of the lower scoring criteria areas such as cultural/historical, educational and scenic aspects of the projects will be identified.
- Challenges for projects not recommended for funding: Rivers and Tributaries applications which fall within three specific planning areas are discussed below. These projects will be examined within the context of specific planning processes for prioritization in future funding rounds. RMC staff is actively participating and assisting the planning processes. The balance of the projects which were not recommended for funding face some or all of the following challenges:
 - Project readiness: Timeline for planning or implementation extends beyond current funding source horizon.
 - Project needs further refining to appropriately meet RMC criteria.
 - Project funding sources must be expanded.
 - Future funding from the RMC for those projects that are not within an Urban Target area will be very limited given the future implementation costs associated with the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects.
- Projected implementation costs for the 15 Tier 2 projects totals \$11,586,400. These estimates have been made by applicants and RMC staff to provide insight to future funding needs required to fully fund the current phase of the projects. These estimates likely are understated, as projections are in today's dollars and actual implementation is anticipated to occur over the next 2-5 years. It should be noted that several current projects are for planning only, i.e. the Los Cerritos Wetlands Bryant and Hellman projects planning costs require additional funding of approximately \$365,000 included in the projected implementation cost above, while projected physical restoration costs are \$24 million.
- Identification of matching fund sources is critical for these projects, and is identified in the spreadsheet and SWOT for each project. Instructive examples can be found in two projects, the Azusa-Geology Park Development and the Vincent Lugo Park-San Gabriel. The recommended RMC funding under Tier 2 rounds out the matching funding needed to provide full funding for these projects. Funding sources other than RMC ranges from land contribution and private partner contributions for the Azusa project, and funding from Propositions 12 and 40 combined with city funding for the Vincent Lugo project.

Where noted in the attached spreadsheet, RMC staff will assist the applicants by identifying and attempting to secure appropriate alternative funding sources. Some of the more likely potential sources for matching funds are Proposition A excess funds, Resources Agency River Parkway, Urban Streams, Integrated Regional Water Management, etc.

Nature and process for feasibility studies: Within the Rivers and Tributaries program, three groupings of projects will be studied further for development potential. These groupings are Emerald Necklace projects, Compton Creek projects and the Whittier Narrows projects. The feasibility of the projects will be considered in collaboration by RMC staff, lead applicants and stakeholders, to ensure goals for each area and for all parties are accomplished to the highest extent possible. A brief narrative of how the Tier 2 applications were evaluated within these groupings in relationship to the overall Rivers and Tributaries program is included in the following section.

Emerald Necklace: Projects which fall within this area will be considered in collaboration with the lead applicants, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the local host communities and entities. Projects will be considered within the target goals of the Rivers and Tributaries program to determine highest potential for creating new passive recreational access and habitat connections, supported by strong components of directional/interpretive signage for users. Additionally, applications will be prioritized based upon the following: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.

Seven (7) project applications which fall within the Emerald Necklace were considered as part of the Tier 2 evaluation process. The five (5) highest scoring Emerald Necklace projects recommended for partial funding to provide for feasibility studies in the amount of \$50,000 each include the Emerald Necklace Segments C2, A2, B2 and E, and Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail. Two projects which fall within the Emerald Necklace but were not recommended for funding because they fell below the score cut-off are the Peck Water Conservation Park Master Plan and Santa Fe Dam Campground Development.

Whittier Narrows: The four applications which fall within the Whittier Narrows area are the Montebello Rio Hondo Riverscape Conservatory, the Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration, the Whittier Narrows Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Development, and the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility Development. These projects will be further considered as part of the Whittier Narrows Master Plan update. Currently, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is leading collaboration with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and stakeholders under an RMC grant to the WCA called the Whittier Narrows Dam Recreation Area Development Plan. The stakeholders include surrounding cities, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Supervisor District One, and the RMC. The information gathered under the development plan will be used by the Corps to update the Master Plan. After the Corps amends the Master Plan, RMC staff will evaluate these proposals and come back to the Board with funding recommendations of project implementation that is consistent with the updated Master Plan.

Compton Creek: Staff reviewed four projects located along the Compton Creek which propose improvements to the bike path, connectivity and access to the Creek, landscaping, and improved recreational opportunities. These projects meet both the goals of the River Tributary

and the Urban Land Programs and therefore scored well above the cut off for funding recommendations. In order to determine the feasibility and prioritization of these Compton Creek projects, staff will work with the City of Compton, project applicants, and other stakeholders to evaluate the four proposed projects for a funding recommendation to the Board at a future meeting. It must be acknowledged that given the Board commitment to implement a more equitable distribution of funds both programmatically and geographically, funding for projects in this category will be extremely competitive and staff is likely to recommend funding priorities which are consistent with those objectives. For instance, projects that meet Urban Target area goals and are located in the Gateway Council of Government or Orange County League of Cities areas will and should have a higher priority for funding.

Urban Lands Program

There were a total of twenty-four (24) projects considered in the Tier 2 process, comprising twenty-nine percent (29%) of the total Step 2 applications. Six (6) applications were not scored for a variety of reasons; five (5) were incomplete/ineligible and one (1) did not provide a Step 2 application. Seven (7) projects are recommended for full and partial funding which include:

• Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	\$585,500
• San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park- Rosemead	\$548,340
• Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement- South El Monte	\$562,034
• 98 th Street Park- South LA	\$300,000
• Watts Towers/ Green Streets Development Project	\$445,000
• City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	\$520,000
• Multi-purpose Trail/Landscape Development Project- South Gate	\$365,000

The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 61 points.

History of Funding for the Urban Lands Program: Past funding in RMC's Urban Lands Program has been relatively sparse. Only 7% or \$4,608,722 million of Prop 40 and 50 funds have been allocated to projects in what is considered the "Urban Core" within our territory. Staff has been working in the Urban Target Areas to address the need to develop competitive projects and to complete those that have been awarded grant funds. Based on the Board's approval of the Tier 1 recommendations, the allocation for the Urban Lands Program is approximately \$6,500,000 million which is about 40% of the funding awarded to date from Proposition 84 funds. Tier 2 recommendations for the Urban Program are \$3,325, 874 million which is about 38% of the funds being recommended for funding. With both Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding recommendations, projects within the Urban Lands Program are receiving a more equitable amount of funding from Proposition 84, thereby addressing the disparity of past funding. Staff will continue to work with cities, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to develop competitive projects within the Urban Lands Program for future funding with particular attention to the Urban State Parks Grant Program.

Definition and Goals of the Urban Lands Program: This geographic program area is defined as all land within the developed, urban core of the RMC territory that is not within the area identified for River/Tributary Parkways, or within the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills. The primary intent of this program is to develop low impact recreational projects that are located in areas where the population within a census tract contains more than 30% youth and less than 80% of the state's average annual income. Priority projects might include those which provide

low impact recreational opportunities located in dense areas that are within a ¼ mile area from a residential area. Accordingly, categories in the Project Evaluation Criteria which were emphasized (double points) for this program area were: Habitat Value, Restoration and Water Resource and Quality Value.

The Tier 2 funding recommendations are for projects that meet the criteria for the Urban Land Program with many of the projects resulting in a new park or trail in areas where no parks exist nearby and will serve densely populated areas. Many of these projects also meet the programs goals of addressing public health values of providing low impact recreational opportunities in communities with higher rates of obesity. With the completion of many of these projects, RMC will have assisted in developing projects in urban areas that lack green and low impact recreation opportunities, creating significant impact.

Characteristics of value scoring areas both on the high and low side: The values that the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding that scored high include new access to a park or trail, public health value, urban lands value, partnership involvement, and recreational resource value. The values for the Tier 2 projects that were low include habitat value, restoration value, matching funds, water resource and quality value, stewardship and management plan values. It is characteristic of projects located in the urban core of the territory to score low on some of some of the program values due to the developed environment in which many of these projects are located, therefore habitat and water resource protection opportunities are more challenging to accomplish. Also, many of the Tier 2 projects are for planning and concept development which will address competitiveness for future matching opportunities. Many of the projects recommended in the Tier 2 process will support the values of the Urban Lands Program which is to create new parks and/or trails in areas that lack these resources for communities that are dense, low income and have a higher number of youth and families.

Challenges for projects not recommended for funding: The majority of projects within the Urban Lands Program that are not recommended for funding include projects that did not score well in the project evaluation criteria or multiple projects were submitted by the same applicant in which another project was recommended for funding in either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 process. Low scores for projects indicate that the project application did not address the program goals adequately or did not contain the elements that would make the project competitive for funding. Staff evaluated multiple applications by the same applicant and recommended funding for the project with the higher score in order to insure equity in the overall distribution of funds by geographic area.

Projected Phase I implementation costs: Out of the seven projects recommended for Tier 2 funding, three projects will receive full funding needed for a phase 1 development leaving four projects that will need Phase I implementation funding. The estimated costs for a Phase I implementation for the four projects are approximately \$6 million. Future development costs will be leveraged with other grant programs to address the high funding amount. Staff anticipates that projects that have completed plans and permits will be more competitive for grant programs and therefore RMC's future funding commitment to these projects will be more balanced.

Matching Funds Opportunities for the Urban Lands Program: The Tier 2 recommendations do not include any projects that could be funded contingent on securing matching funds. The two primary matching funding sources for the Urban Lands Program includes Proposition A and State Urban Parks funds. Staff will work with each applicant to assess matching fund opportunities for each project based on what elements of the project will be most competitive for these two programs. Regarding Proposition A, Staff will meet with the Supervisors for those

projects located in their District to determine feasibility of matching funds. The funding for State Urban Parks program will be made available through a competitive grant program. State Parks is anticipating having the criteria available in the spring of 2009 with an application deadline of October 2009. Based on the criteria established by State Parks, staff will work with both the grantees and State Parks to determine which projects might be most competitive for the program.

Feasibility Process for Joint Use Projects: Staff reviewed two projects that contained joint use opportunities for recreational use, habitat enhancement, and water conservation elements. Because of the competitiveness of the program, staff will determine the feasibility of these projects based on significant matching funds, a determination of RMC eligible components, and readiness of the project. There were only two joint use projects in the Tier 2 process and therefore some minimal level of funding may be important to support the development of this type of use to provide much needed recreational and habitat resources.

Next Steps: If approved as submitted, the next step for the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding will be to: 1) assign the project to a project manager, 2) verify information supplied in the Step 2 application, 3) develop a specific scope of work, budget and monitoring plan for each project over the next 30 to 90 days and 4) submit the grant for approval by the Board.

Funding: As accumulative funding report (Exhibit A) indicates, including the Tier 2 funding recommendations, the total obligated funds for the RMC will be \$85,689,260. The RMC has cumulative capital outlay funds available in the amount of \$105.6 million from Propositions 40, 50 and 84.

By obligating the Tier 2 recommendations and at least 50% of the phase one implementation costs of \$9,123,500, the remaining unobligated funds available to the RMC for future projects is only \$10,787,240. This remaining amount constitutes the only funds currently available for RMC capital projects through fiscal year 2011/12. For this reason, it is staff's strong recommendation that the next grant round focus on funding projects in the urban target areas with particular emphasis on those cities and unincorporated areas that have not received funding from the RMC to date.

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- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

Grant #	Project Manager	Title of Project	Grantee	Grant Amount	Actual or Proj Board Approval Date	Status*	Notes
RMC08109	Luz T.	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	City of Monrovia	\$ 1,318,000	11/24/2008	Certified	Appraisal review underway with DGS
RMC3598	Luz T.	Vincent Lugo Park Improvements	City of San Gabriel	\$ 525,409	7/28/2008	Certified	Completion of construction drawings is underway
RMC08101	Valorie S.	Padua Park Development Project	City of Claremont	\$ 850,000	9/22/2008	Certified	City/RMC reviewing restart/budget and project components during May 2010, target complete fall, with feasibility study ongoing.
RMC08104	Marybeth V.	Pine Avenue Acquisition & Development	Trust for Public Land	\$ 549,289	10/29/2008	Certified	Appraisal update is in process
RMC08102	Luz T.	Soledad Canyon CAPP Acquisiton	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	\$ 750,000	10/29/2008	Certified	Grantee is moving forward with acquisiton
RMC08108	Valorie S.	Thompson Creek	League of Women Voters - Claremont	\$ 200,000	11/24/2008	Certified	Project started; stakeholder meeting held 4/24/10.
		Sub Total		\$ 4,192,698			
		Total Funding Available	As of April 30, 2010	\$ 27,948,380			
RMC08103	Valorie S.	Jefferson Park Acquisition	City of Pomona	\$ 1,510,000	11/24/2008	Board Approved	Proj. Dev. Plan pending from grantee before finalizing grant agreement
RMC08110	Marybeth V.	Palm Street Linear	City of Bellflower	\$ 1,840,446	11/24/2008	Board Approved	Proj. Dev. Plan pending from grantee before finalizing grant agreement
RMC08111	Marybeth V.	Kranz Joint Use Nature Trail	City of El Monte	\$ 511,000	11/24/2008	Board Approved	Proj. Dev. Plan pending from grantee before finalizing grant agreement
RMC08112	Luz T.	Big Tujunga	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	\$ 1,000,000	11/24/2008	Board Approved	Grant agreement executed; pending state certification
RMC09104	Marybeth V.	Mary Van Dyke Nature Trail Enhancement	City of South El Monte	\$ 562,034	5/24/2010	Conceptually Approved	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
TBD	Marybeth V.	98th Street Park-So. L.A.	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$ 300,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Luz T.	Avocado Creek and Workman MillRestoration--Ph 1	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	\$ 220,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Luz T.	Azusa Geology Park Develoopment	City of Azusa	\$ 279,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
RMC3576	Valorie S.	Anaheim Coves/Burris Park	City of Anahiem	\$ 2,579,000	5/24/2010	Conceptually Approved	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
TBD	Valorie S.	Canyon Instit. Site Access and Security Project	California Resource Connection	\$ 150,000	TBD	Hold	Hold - Pending possible scope amendments.
TBD	Marybeth V.	City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	City of Lynwood	\$ 520,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Valorie S.	Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Dev. Project	California Resource Connection	\$ 100,000	TBD	Hold	Hold - Project location and scope still undetermined
TBD	Luz T.	DeForest Park Wetland Restoration Project	City of Long Beach	\$ 1,000,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending approval for June, 2010 meeting
RMC09110	Valorie S.	Emerald Necklace Feasibility Project	Amigos de Los Rios	\$ 200,000	5/24/2010	Conceptually Approved	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
RMC09107	Luz T.	Gibson Mariposa Park	City of El Monte	\$ 1,761,588	5/24/2010	Conceptually Approved	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
TBD	Marybeth V.	Maywood Riverfront Park Phase 2	City of Maywood	\$ 125,000	TBD	Conceptually Approved	Hold - Requires \$125K in matching funds
TBD	Marybeth V.	So. Gate So. Avenue Multi Purpose Trail	City of South Gate	\$ 365,000	N/A	Hold	Hold - Project may not be viable, per Paul Adams, City Parks Director, April 2010
TBD	Luz T.	San Gabriel River Confluence w/Cattle Canyon Improvement	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$ 766,584	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting

Grant #	Project Manager	Title of Project	Grantee	Grant Amount	Actual or Proj Board Approval Date	Status*	Notes
TBD	Valorie S.	San Gabriel Pine Pocket Park	City of Rosemead	\$ 548,340	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Luz T.	Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	City of Duarte	\$ 50,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
RMC09108	Valorie S.	Sycamore Canyon Trail IV	City of Diamond Bar	\$ 76,230	5/24/2010	Conceptually Approved	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
TBD	Luz T.	Una Lake Wetlands Acq. And Restoration Phase I	Antelope Valley Conservancy	\$ 75,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Luz T.	Una Lake Wetlands Acq. And Restoration Phase II	Antelope Valley Conservancy	\$ 75,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
RMC09106	Marybeth V.	Watts Towers Watts Green Streets Dev. Project	Harbor Watts Economic Development Corporation	\$ 445,000	5/24/2010	Conceptually Approved	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
TBD	Luz T.	West San Gabriel River Parkway-Phase III Dev.	City of Lakewood	\$ 106,638	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Valorie S.	LCWA Wetlands Restoration and Recreation Access-Bryant	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	\$ 225,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Luz T.	LCWA Restoration and Recreation Access-Hellman	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	\$ 225,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
TBD	Marybeth V.	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	City of Huntington Park	\$ 585,000	6/28/2010	Conceptually Approved	Pending Board approval for June, 2010 meeting
RMC09103	Valorie S.	Whittier Nattows Equestrian Facility	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	\$ 570,000	5/24/2010	Urgency	May 24, 2010 - Scheduled for approval
TBD	Luz T.	West San Gabriel River Walk (LB)	City of Long Beach	\$ 1,144,072	TBD	Hold	Hold - Pending matching funds requirement.
		Total Pending Grants		\$ 17,914,932			
		TOTAL REMAINING APPROPRIATED FUNDS		\$ 10,033,448			
		Future Prop 84 Allocation		\$ 6,000,000			
		TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS THRU APPROVED BONDS		\$ 16,033,448			

Status Definitions

Conceptually Approved
Approved
Certified
Hold

Board approval of plan of action for a group of grants
Board action taken to award specific grant
Grant certified and encumbered by the State Controller
Pending action for a specific reason approved by EO

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DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 13: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the City of South El Monte for the Mary Van Dyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement project (RMC09104).

PROGRAM AREA: Urban Lands

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition and Planning

JURISDICTION: City of South El Monte

PROJECT MANAGER: Marybeth Vergara

Project:	Mary Van Dyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement Project		
Applicant:	City of South El Monte		
Program area:	Urban Lands		
Amount requested:	\$562,034		
Amount recommended for funding:	\$562,034		
PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY			
Factor	Project Score	Total Possible Points	
1. Access Value	9	15	
2. Cultural or Historic Resource Value	0	3	
3. Educational / Interpretive Value	4	5	
4. Habitat Value	0	21	
5. Matching Funds	10	10	
6. Public Health Value	8	6	
7. Recreational Resource Value	13	13	
8. Restoration Resource Value	0	3	
9. Scenic Resource Value	1	2	
10. Stakeholders / Partners Resource Value	1	4	
11. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	2	5	
12. Sustainability Value	3	6	
13. Trails / Multi-use Trails	3	5	
14. Urban Land Value	10	14	
15. Water Resource and Quality Value	8	25	
TOTAL POINTS	72	137	

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a grant in the amount not to exceed \$562,034 to the City of South El Monte for the Mary Van Dyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement project (RMC09104).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of South El Monte will add a nature trail to Mary Van Dyke Park. The project will include a new restroom, smart irrigation, native landscaping, interpretive signage, benches & picnic tables.

BACKGROUND: The City of South El Monte applied for a grant for the Mary Van Dyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement project as a Tier 1 project in November of 2007, this project falls into the Urban Program Area. In the Urban Program Area there were a total of twenty-four (24) projects considered in the Tier 2 process, comprising twenty-nine percent (29%) of the total Step 2 applications. Six (6) applications were not scored for a variety of reasons; five (5) were incomplete/ineligible and one (1) did not provide a Step 2 application. The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 61 points. This project received a total score of 72 points.

In the first round of evaluations staff determined that this project was not a Tier 1 project because it is an existing park and it was placed with the Tier 2 projects. In the Tier 2 team evaluations the Mary Van Dyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement project scored 72 points, the third highest scoring project in the program area. The RMC approved the staff recommendation to fund the Mary Van Dyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement project in September of 2008, in the amount of \$562,034.

Mary Van Dyke Park is one of two urban community parks in South El Monte. See attached map. The state budget freeze severely impacted this project, and the City opted to complete the project in two phases using previously approved state and city funds. Phase 1 included renovating the active portions of the park including a new recreation center, playground, tree house and lighted basketball courts. Phase 2 will include the passive elements including a nature trail around the perimeter of the park of decomposed granite, native landscaping, interpretive and way finding signage to foster watershed awareness and health education. (See Exhibit A – Tasklist and Timeline and Exhibit C- Phase II Design). This park is located near key community centers which include a senior center, a middle school, and elementary school, a pre-school directly across the street and the neighborhood of homes.

The City used other funding sources including \$152,437 from Proposition A to complete the Community Building and playground area, and through the requested RMC Prop 84 funds \$562,034, the project will be completed. The RMC funds will pay for part of the infrastructure of the park like demolition, irrigation, fencing and entry gates. Most of the RMC funding is for the trail, benches & picnic tables, native plantings and interpretive signage. See Exhibit B- Budget and Exhibit D- Project Development Plan.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The City's original estimated cost of the Mary Van Dyke Park project was \$1,747,535. This portion of the project will be completed using the \$562,034 from the RMC and \$152,437.73 from Proposition A, for a total of \$714,471.73. See Exhibit B-Budget. This project is already underway with 90% Construction Documents received by staff for review, pursuant to approved RMC grant funding, the final funding to be approved, the City will go out to bid on the construction documents and move to implementation. The project is scheduled to be completed by April 2011 per Schedule. Exhibit A- Tasklist and Timeline.

Funding for this project will be allocated from the following Proposition 84 allocations.

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land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:... (g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).....

75060. The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:.... (3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....\$15,000,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: Section 32602: There is in the Resources Agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following purposes:

- (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open-space, low-impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement within the territory.
- (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River consistent with existing and adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.
- (c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the conservancy.

Section 32604: The conservancy shall do all of the following:

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
 - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
 - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
 - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
 - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.

- (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executory interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

RMC Resolution 2008-82 authorized staff to work with each applicant recommended for Tier 2 funding to develop a specific scope of work, budget, monitoring plan and project development plan for each project over the next several months and submit the grant for approval by the Board.

DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 14: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the Harbor Watts Economic Development Corporation for the Watts Green Streets Development Project (RMC 09106).

PROGRAM AREA: Urban Lands

PROJECT TYPE: Planning

JURISDICTION: City of Los Angeles

PROJECT MANAGER: Marybeth Vergara

Project:	Watts Green Streets Development Project		
Applicant:	Harbor Watts Economic Development Corporation		
Program area:	Urban Lands		
Amount requested:	\$1,225,000		
Amount recommended for funding:	\$445,000		
PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY			
Factor		Project Score	Total Possible Points
1. Access Value		13	15
2. Cultural or Historic Resource Value		2	3
3. Educational / Interpretive Value		5	5
4. Habitat Value		0	21
5. Matching Funds		0	10
6. Public Health Value		8	6
7. Recreational Resource Value		11	13
8. Restoration Resource Value		0	3
9. Scenic Resource Value		1	2
10. Stakeholders / Partners Resource Value		3	4
11. Stewardship and Management Plan Value		0	5
12. Sustainability Value		3	6
13. Trails / Multi-use Trails		5	5
14. Urban Land Value		21	14
15. Water Resource and Quality Value		2	25
TOTAL POINTS		74	137

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a grant in the amount not to exceed \$445,000 to the Los Angeles Harbor Watts Economic Development Corporation for the (RMC09106).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Harbor Watts EDC will conduct planning, design and community outreach for enhancements within the Compton Creek Watershed from the Blue Line Firestone station south to the Wilmington station, the cultural crescent / Watts towers state park and 103rd street from the Metro Blue Line Station west to Central Avenue. This first phase consists of conceptual design with community engagement through completion of CEQA requirements and construction documents. Phase I improvements include stormwater measures, access and enhancements at public park and public right of ways.

BACKGROUND: The Harbor Watts EDC applied for a grant in November of 2007, and the project was approved as a Tier 2 phased project with a score of 74 points. The RMC conceptually approved the project in November of 2008, in the amount of \$445,000. This project was impacted by the state budget freeze in December 2008. The project is now ready to begin this first phase of planning and is considered a priority project due to its status as an urban lands project located in an area that has not received funding from the RMC.

This first phase will focus on improvements to existing public lands with limited operation and maintenance needs and is expected to begin July 1, 2010. This phase will also include an evaluation and recommendation of long term operation and maintenance options such as contracting with an existing non-governmental organization in Watts such as the Conservation Corps, or the creation of a new entity to be responsible for long term operations and maintenance. Community engagement will also be an important contributor to this assessment. The project area analysis and development of the initial and final reports will rely on extensive work already completed through several Watts-area planning initiatives: Watts Renaissance in 2005-2006; the Central Avenue Improvement Study conducted by the City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency in 2007-2009; the Watts Watershed analysis completed with the Watershed Council in 2009 and the ongoing community development/ urban greening work underway with key community stakeholders. Future Watts improvements will likely include land acquisition, site remediation and creation of new parks and public spaces. Please see Exhibit A-Tasklist & Timeline. See attached map for a description of the project area.

The grantee is anticipating beginning the CEQA and City of Los Angeles permitting process while the planning phase is still underway. Project review with City departments will be done during the first six months of the project, July 2010-January 2011. Formal CEQA and permitting process would start in January 2011 under this approach. The final plan and recommendations will include a comprehensive list of project elements with evaluation of feasibility, priority and potential funding. The project anticipates preparing construction documents for one or more, of priority projects, while securing CEQA clearance and permitting for a comprehensive project list.

This grant will provide the initial funding necessary for this planning project with future phases that include construction and implementation. The Harbor Watts EDC anticipates seeking additional funding to help implement components of the Phase 2 elements. Additional details for this planning project can be found in the attached Exhibit C-Monitoring Plan and Exhibit D-Project Development Plan.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The total estimated cost of implementation of the Watts Towers Green Streets is \$1.75 million. Upon evaluation of the application, staff recommended partial funding of the requested funds in the amount of \$445,000; See Exhibit B-Budget. The final plan and recommendations is scheduled to be completed June 30, 2011.

Funding for this project will be allocated from the following Proposition 84 allocations.

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